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REPORT  
OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
OF THE  
Town of Middleton  
FOR THE  
Year Ending December 31, 1950



SALEM, MASS.  
THE NEWHALL PRINTERS

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# Town Meeting Warrant

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex :

GREETING :

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middleton on the thirteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles :

- ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.
- ARTICLE 3. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway construction on Essex Street; said sum to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, said funds to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance work; said funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used jointly with funds appropriated by the Town of Danvers for the repairs of the Green Street Bridge.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be expended for a new 2 ton dump truck for the use of the Highway Department. To be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Highway Surveyor.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$785.00 which together with the exchange value of the present 1949 Ford Police Car is to be expended for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser for the use of the Police Department, to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be expended for the purpose of a stretcher for the use of the Police Department. To be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.
- ARTICLE 12. On the petition of Joseph Gregory and thirty-one others to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 to remove a large tree in front of the property of Thomas Rogers of School Street.
- ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take regarding the erection of an Honor Roll and to appropriate a sum of money and take whatever other action is necessary.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to prepare working plans and specifications with which to ask bids on the construction and equipping a municipal building. After bids are received a Special Town Meeting will be called to request a specific appropriation to cover the cost of the entire project. Also to have the Selectmen prepare a petition to be presented to the State Legislature for permission to increase the borrowing capacity of the Town by the sum of \$100,000.00 beyond the legal debt limit now imposed on the Town. Or to take any other action relating thereto, agreeable to the petition of the Committee to Investigate Municipal Building requirements.

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, March 19, next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year :

Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one Assessor for three years, Town Treasurer for two years, (to fill vacancy of unexpired term) one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, Highway Surveyor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Constable, Superintendent of Burials, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Flint Library for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Custodian of Town Hall, one member of the Planning Board for five years. Also to vote on Question No. 1.

"Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 19B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws and thereby provide permanent tenure for Elmer P. Morrill, the present incumbent in the office of Town Clerk?"

Yes ☐

No ☐

The polls will be open at 7:00 A. M. and shall be closed at 7:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe Station, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

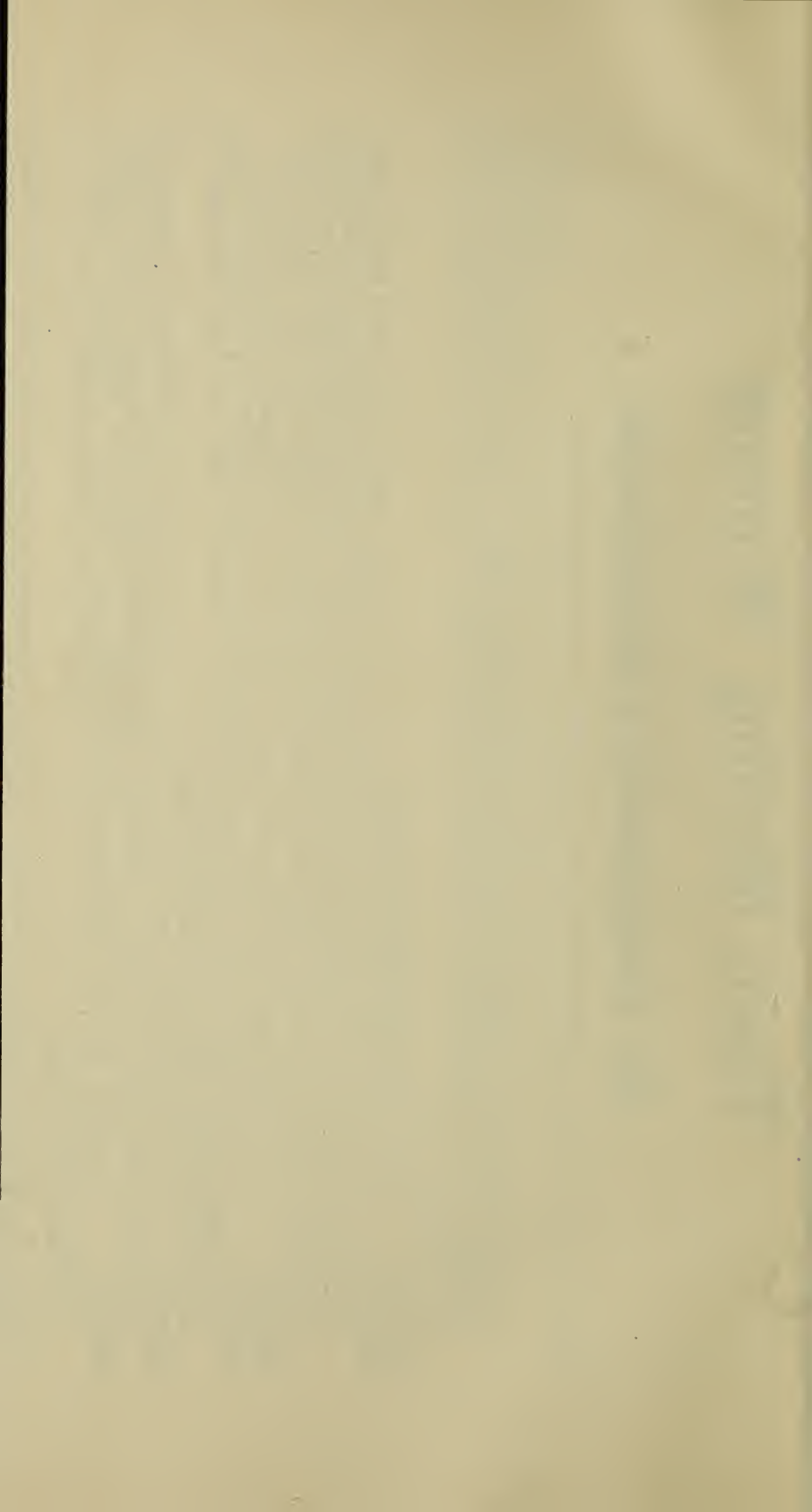
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

A true copy.

Attest: JAMES W. WENTWORTH, Constable.

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.  
JAMES B. COFFIN,  
GEORGE B. OGDEN,  
Selectmen of Middleton.







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**Galen B. Howe**

Born October 16, 1868 - Died January 21, 1950

Trustee Flint Public Library 1921-1930

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# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

## TOWN OF MIDDLETON

MASSACHUSETTS

1950



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**Town Officers Elected 1950**

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**Moderator**

Wilbur Witham

**Town Clerk**

Elmer P. Morrill

**Selectmen and Board of Health**

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr., Chairman

James H. Coffin, Clerk

George B. Ogden

**Board of Public Welfare**

Alexander Fraser, Chairman (1953)

Charles Pasquale (1951)

Leyland A. Phillips(1952)

**Board of Assessors**

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1951)

Harold M. Bishop, Clerk (1953) Daniel J. Donovan (1952)

**Treasurer**

Marion E. Mitchell (1953)

**Tax Collector**

Harold E. Tyler

**Highway Surveyor**

John J. Hocter

**Constable**

James W. Wentworth

**School Committee**

Eben L. Jewett, Chairman (1952)

Rosamond L. Bastable, Clerk (1952) Harold Y. Smith (1951)

Harold F. Purdy (1953) Dr. Raymond W. Silvernail(1951)

**Electric Light Commissioners**

Richard B. Floyd, Chairman (1951)  
Gus L. Fischer, Clerk (1952)                      Charles C. Bates (1953)

**Cemetery Commissioners**

Harold F. Purdy (1953)                      Raymond R. Maxwell (1951)  
William W. Richardson (1952)

**Superintendent of Burials**

Richard N. Maxwell

**Tree Warden**

Clarence Osgood

**Planning Board**

Albert C. Murray, Chairman (1955)  
Alton W. Hubbard, Clerk (1954)                      Harold I. Nash (1953)  
Eben L. Jewett (1952)                      Roger F. Clapp (1951)

**Trustees Flint Public Library**

William H. Sanborn, Chairman (1951)  
William T. Martin (1953)                      Paul B. Wake (1953)  
Harold Y. Smith (1952)                      Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. (1952)  
Carl C. Jones (1951)

**Custodian of Town Hall**

Arthur K. Fuller

**Town Officers Appointed 1950**

**Registrars of Voters**

Ernest P. Goodale, Chairman (1953)  
Joseph T. Lee (1952)                      Lloyd H. Getchell (1951)  
Elmer P. Morrill, Clerk (Ex-Officio)

**Zoning Appeal Board**

William H. Sanborn. Chairman

William T. Martin

Chester K. Masse

Beaumont Hurd

Vincent J. Perry

**Finance Committee**

Hazen M. Richardson, Chairman (1952)

William G. Birch, Clerk (1951)

Robert T. Sperry (1951)

Elmer C. McIntyre (1952)

Lew A. Batchelder (1953)

**Chief of Police**

James W. Wentworth

**Scaler of Weights and Measures**

Ralph I. Wennerberg

**Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering**

Murray Bullerwell

**Town Accountant**

Elmer O. Campbell (1951)

**Forest Fire Warden**

Harold F. Purdy

**Chief of Fire Department**

Harold F. Purdy

**Superintendent of Cemeteries**

Richard N. Maxwell

**Moth Superintendent**

Clarence Osgood, Jr.



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**Electric Light Manager**

Charles T. Brackett

**Town Counsel**

James J. Gaffney

**Health Agent**

Charles Pasquale  
Mary Wilson, Assistant

**Welfare Agent**

James A. Powers

**Building Inspector**

Earl F. Jones

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**TRUSTEES**

**B. F. Emerson Fund**

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Massachusetts  
Roger F. Clapp                      William H. Sanborn  
Harley M. Tyler

**Mansfield Fund**

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

**David Cummings Fund**

Board of Public Welfare

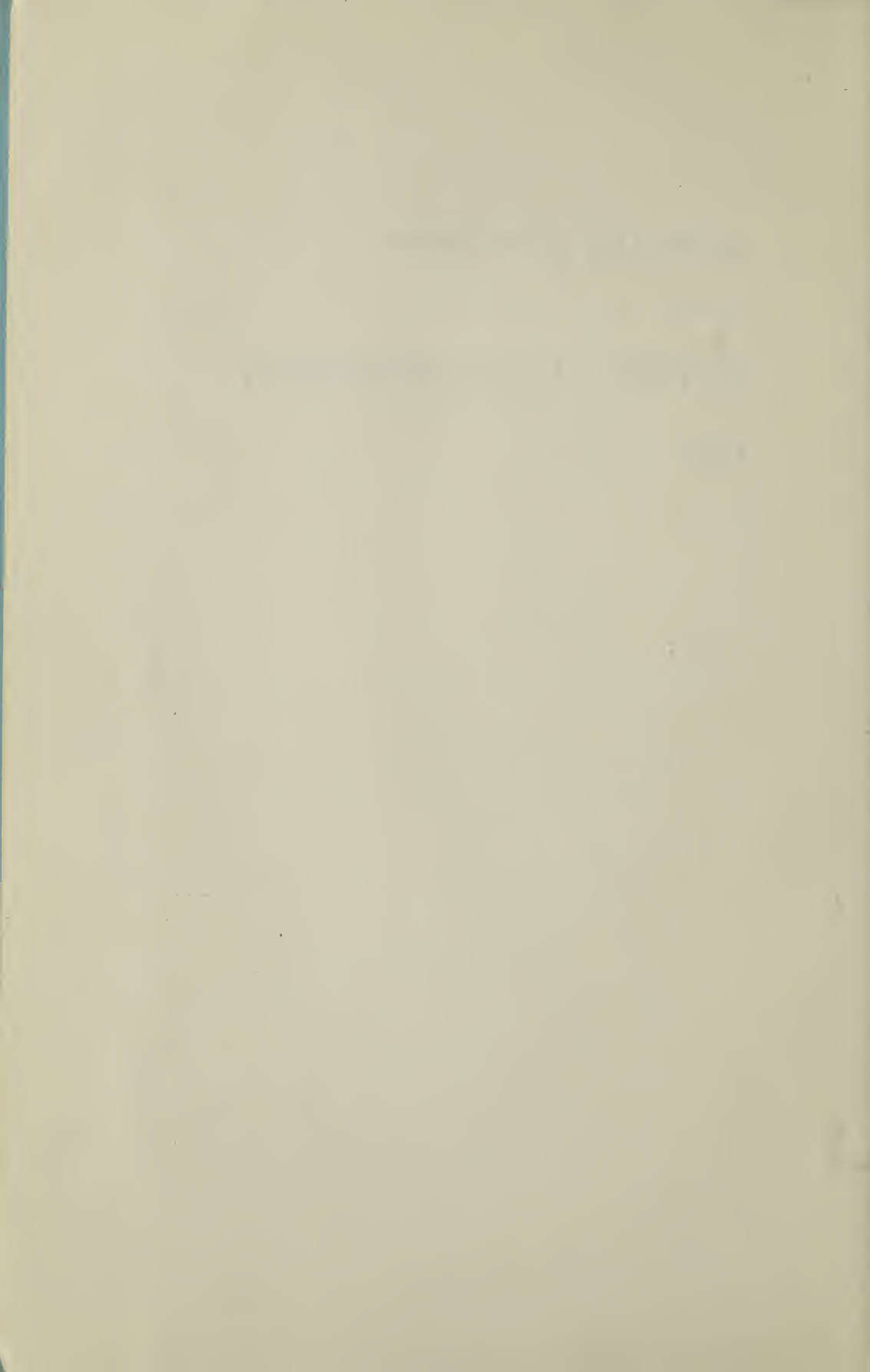


ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1950



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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**  
**Year Ending Dec. 31, 1950**

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**RECEIPTS**  
**GENERAL REVENUE**

**TAXES :****CURRENT YEAR:**

Property	\$ 89,306 12
Poll	1,398 00

**PREVIOUS YEARS:**

Property	7,346 19
Poll	4 00
Tax title redemptions	212 01

**FROM THE STATE:**

Corporation	9,540 30
Income	21,460 93
	<hr/>
	\$131,558 75

**LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

Liquor	1,700 00
All others	366 00
	<hr/>
	2,066 00

**FINES :**

District Court	37 65
	37 65

**GRANTS AND GIFTS :****FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Old age assistance	15,559 63
Aid to dependent children	2,324 84
	<hr/>
	\$17,884 47



## FROM STATE FOR EDUCATION:

Vocational Education	\$ 158 00	
High School Transportation	2,805 00	
Union Superintendency	393 02	
		<u>\$3,356 02</u>

## FROM STATE FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Highway (Chapter 81)	9,181 67	
Inspector of Animals	100 00	
Meal Tax	799 42	
		<u>10,081 09</u>

## FROM COUNTY:

Dog licenses	413 05	
		<u>413 05</u>

## ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE:

Tax Possessions	89 60	
		<u>89 60</u>

## PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	12,234 90	
		<u>12,234 90</u>

DEPARTMENTAL  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## EXECUTIVE:

Selectmen	20 88
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## FINANCIAL:

Treasurer	18 25
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## MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:

Town Hall	347 50	
Old School	810 00	
		<u>\$1,196 63</u>

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY :

Building Inspection	\$ 252 00	
Sealing of Weights and Measures	86 20	
Tree Warden	48 50	
Dog officer	110 50	
	<hr/>	\$497 20

## HEALTH :

Tuberculosis	2,203 28	
	<hr/>	2,203 28

## HIGHWAYS :

General	1 00	
Chapter 90, Construction	6,000 00	
Truck and machinery rental	4,871 25	
	<hr/>	10,872 25

## CHARITIES :

## REIMBURSEMENTS FOR RELIEF:

From Cities and Towns	2,790 90
From State	5,061 35

## REIMBURSEMENTS FOR AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

From State	1,904 18
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## REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

From Cities and Towns	1,682 13	
From State	15,094 98	
	<hr/>	26,533 54

## VETERANS' SERVICES

From State	157 00	
		157 00

## SCHOOLS:

Lunches	3,249 26	
		\$3,249 26

## PARKS:

General	1 00	
		\$ 1 00

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Sale of light and power	80,944 25	
Miscellaneous	49 66	
Depreciation fund	2,874 18	
		83,868 09
PUBLIC SCALES	74 15	74 15
		83,942 24

## CEMETERIES:

Sale of lots and graves	125 00	
Care " " " "	526 00	
Care of endowed lots	523 00	
		1,174 00

## INTEREST:

On deposits	42 09	
On deferred taxes	213 21	
On excise taxes	23 82	

## ON PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS:

Mansfield Fund	1,275 00	
		1,554 12

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation serial loan	30,000 00	
Loan, school addition	188,000 00	
Premium loan	2,647 00	
		220,647 00

## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Beverage licenses	\$ 10 00	
Dog licenses	891 80	
Perpetual care funds	875 00	
Withholding taxes	6,037 70	
Retirement deductions	2,041 14	
Blue Cross	52 00	
Meter deposits	660 00	
Tailings	10 00	
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		\$10,577 64

## REFUNDS:

General departments	66 24	
Accrued interest	510 97	
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		577 21
Total receipts		<hr/>
		541,086 97
Cash Balance January 1, 1950		85,797 80
		<hr/>
		\$626,884 77

## EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENTAL  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## MODERATOR

Salary		
Wilbur Witham, Moderator	\$50 00	\$50 00

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenses		
Association dues	10 00	
Mileage—expenses	14 00	
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	24 00	24 00

## SELECTMEN

## Salaries

James H. Coffin	\$250 00
George B. Ogden	250 00
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	194 45
Frederick C. Steele	55 55

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 \$750 00

## Expenses

Supplies and printing	81 75
Advertisements	43 64
Postage and forms	16 72
Essex Street, water	30 05
Telephone and mileage	50 55
Perambulating	105 00
Association dues	34 00

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 361 71

1,111 71

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## Salary

Elmer O. Campbell, Accountant	700 00	700 00
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## Expenses

Postage and supplies	43 70
Association dues	4 00

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 47 70

747 70

## TREASURER

## Salary

Marion E. Mitchell, Treasurer	700 00	700 00
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## Expenses

Supplies	46 74
Postage	159 95
Mileage and expenses	42 31
Clerical assistance	50 00
Bank charges	26 00
Certifying note	4 00
Association dues	2 00

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 331 50



## TAX TITLE EXPENSES:

Registry of Deeds	\$ 22 25	
L. F. Davis, services	130 00	
		\$152 25
		\$1,183 25

## TAX COLLECTOR

Salary		
Harold E. Tyler, Collector	700 00	700 00
Expenses		
Supplies and printing	177 66	
Postage	141 51	
Tax takings	51 90	
Deputy Collector's fees	5 00	
Clerical assistance	70 00	
Mileage—telephone	21 93	
Association dues	2 00	
		470 00
		1,170 00

## ASSESSORS

Salary		
Paul B. Wake	525 00	
Harold M. Bishop	500 00	
Daniel J. Donovan	475 00	
		1,500 00
Expenses		
Office Equipment	59 00	
Forms-supplies	172 58	
Clerical services	176 00	
Abstracts	76 44	
Mileage—postage	54 98	
Association dues	6 00	
Painting office	50 00	
		\$595 00
		2,095 00

## OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Expense issuing School Addition Bonds	578 75
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## LAW DEPARTMENT

## Salary

James J. Gaffney, Town Counsel	400 00	400 00
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## Expenses

Mileage, court fees etc.	40 10	40 10
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440 10

## TOWN CLERK

## Salary

Elmer P. Morrill, Town Clerk	\$400 00	\$400 00
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## Expenses

Postage—supplies	65 80
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Association dues	5 00
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70 80

470 80

## ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

## Salaries—Registrars of Voters

Ernest P. Goodale	55 00
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Lloyd H. Getchell	55 00
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Joseph T. Lee	55 00
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Elmer P. Morrill	55 00
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220 00

## Expenses

Election officers	340 00
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Lunches	45 42
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Forms—printing	178 05
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563 47

783 47

## PLANNING BOARD

## Expenses

Water survey	450 00
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450 00

## TOWN HALL

Salary, James H. Ogden, janitor	158 00	
Arthur K. Fuller,	572 00	
		\$730 00

## Expenses

Fuel and light	482 86	
Water and telephone	164 84	
Repairs and supplies	144 29	
		791 99

## TOWN HALL REPAIRS

## Expenses

Ceiling	\$355 20	
Steps	169 54	
Painting	715 00	
Electrical	46 80	
	1,286 54	\$2,808 53

## OLD SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

## Salary

Charles S. Clinch, Jr., janitor	250 00	250 00
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## Expenses

Fuel	756 65	
Supplies	97 67	
Shingling roof	410 00	
	\$1,264 32	1514 32
		\$13,427 63

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### CONSTABLE'S SALARY

W. C. Rundlett, Jr.	\$ 9 00	
J. H. Wentworth	26 00	
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		\$35 00
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		\$35 00

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Salaries and wages

James W. Wentworth	3,000 00	
Lloyd H. Getchell	684 75	
Joseph Peters	205 95	
Arthur Doane	150 70	
Alexander Fraser	89 10	
Leo Kopacki	86 90	
William C. Pennock	34 10	
W. C. Rundlett, Jr.	33 00	
Royce Shuman, Jr.	5 50	
Matron	20 00	
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		4,310 00

#### Expenses

Gasoline—oil—repairs	965 97	
Office expenses—telephone	283 00	
Marking traffic lines	51 44	
Supplies	68 76	
Equipment	325 00	
Association dues	5 00	
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		1,699 17
		<hr/>
		\$6,009 17

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages

Chief	\$200 00
Deputy Chief	75 00
Captain	50 00
4 Lieutenants	151 66
Forest Warden	50 00
Firemen	200 00

\$726 66

Expenses

Wages	1,047 25
Gasoline and oil	165 69
Equipment and repairs	958 67
Fire alarm	690 28
Fuel and light	405 83
Building maintenance	241 12
Office expenses—telephone	379 82
Insurance	210 00

4,098 66

FIRE TRUCK

Thomas J. Fay Co.,	
Studebaker chassis	1,655 00
Wood Engineering, Service	
Body	2,345 00

4,000 00

\$8,825 72

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Salary

Earl F. Jones, inspector	200 00	200 00
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Expenses

Telephone, mileage, postage	50 00	50 00
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250 00

## BOARD OF APPEALS

## Expenses

Hearing advertisements	15 75	
Postage—supplies	16 66	
Typing	25 00	
		57 41

57 41

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## Salary

Harold F. Purdy, sealer	40 00	
Ralph Wennerberg, sealer	85 00	
		125 00
		125 00

## FORESTRY—MOTH DEPARTMENT

## Wages

Labor	692 00	692 00
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## Expenses

Truck hire	373 00	
Supplies	135 00	
		508 00

\$1,200 00

## TREE WARDEN

## Wages

Labor	879 64	879 64
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## Expenses

Truck hire	161 92	
Saw hire	49 00	
Supplies	56 93	
Association dues	2 00	
		269 85

\$1,149 49



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PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

27

POISON IVY CONTROL

Expenses			
Wages	\$116 20		
Truck hire	120 00		
Supplies	63 70		
	<hr/>	\$299 90	\$299 90

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DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Expenses			
Wages	48 80		
Supplies	151 20		
	<hr/>	200 00	200 00

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TREE REMOVAL

Conley & Brown	225 00	225 00	225 00
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POWER SPRAYER

Abbott Spray & Farm Equipment	1,967 92		
Lettering sprayer	10 00		
	<hr/>	1,977 72	1,977 92

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### Salaries

Charles Pasquale, agent	\$40 00	
Mary Wilson, ass't agent	20 00	\$60 00

#### Expenses

Care of patients	288 00
Care of dump	677 50
Care and disposing of dogs	136 50
Vital statistics	234 00
Contagious disease	80 00
Mileage	9 42

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 1,425 42

\$1,485 42

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### ESSEX SANATORIUM ASSESSMENT

County treasurer	2,750 37	2,750 37
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### DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. E. J. Connolly	97 00	97 00
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### INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND SLAUGHTERING

#### Salary

Murray Bullerwell, inspector	300 00	\$300 00
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**HIGHWAYS****HIGHWAY**

Wages		
Labor		\$4,633 20
Expenses		
Truck hire	277 80	
Supplies	298 49	
Liberty St. Bridge	1,026 24	
Asphalt	35 48	
Office expenses	15 48	
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		1,654 49
		<hr/>
		\$5,010 69

**CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE**

Wages		
Labor		\$4,633 20
Expenses		
Truck hire	\$2,455 20	
Equipment hire	711 00	
Asphalt	2,861 85	
Sand and gravel	938 34	
Supplies	1,838 86	
Office expenses—telephone	161 55	
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		8,966 80
		<hr/>
		\$13,600 00

**CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE**

Wages		
Labor		427 40
Expenses		
Truck hire	357 70	
Roller hire	40 80	
Asphalt	1,773 52	
Sand and stone	355 35	
Supplies	45 23	
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		2,572 60
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		3,000 00

## CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

## Wages

Labor	\$3,664 20
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## Expenses

Truck hire	1,963 60
Equipment hire	1,384 40
Asphalt	178 67
Sand and gravel	532 34
Supplies	553 49
	<hr/>
	4,612 50

\$8,276 70

## SNOW

## Wages

Labor	1,912 10
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## Expenses

Truck hire	\$1,868 45
Repairs and supplies	497 50
Sand and salt	820 18
New plows	920 00
State highway	21 15
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	4,127 28

6,039 38

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Gasoline and oil	1,332 81
Parts and repairs	819 58
Storage	540 00
Insurance	137 30
Supplies	170 31
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	3,000 00

\$3,000 00

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STREET LIGHTING

Middleton Electric Light Dept.	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
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## ESSEX STREET LAND TAKINGS

Leon Boghosian	\$100 00	
Thomas Oliver	1 00	
Frank G. Ganano	1 00	
William C. Pennock	1 00	
William E. Ogden	1 00	
William J. Sullivan	1 00	
Donald Dixey	1 00	
New England Power Co.	1 00	
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	107 00	107 00

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## MIDDLETON SQUARE SURVEY

Robert Bixby, labor and materials	395 25	\$395 25
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## CHARITIES

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### PUBLIC WELFARE

## Salaries:

Alexander Fraser	\$150 00	
Charles Pasquale	150 00	
Leyland Phillips	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$475 00

## Expenses

Administration	136 94	
Cash	3,525 05	
Groceries, fuel, clothing	1,147 17	
Medical aid	972 54	
Other cities and towns	1,625 68	
Funeral	170 00	
	<hr/>	7,577 38

\$8,052 38

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### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

## Administration:

Salary of agent	225 00	
Setting up office	434 04	
Transferred to District		
Treasurer	1,730 00	
	<hr/>	2,389 04

## Aid

Cash	34,501 35	
Other cities and towns	623 85	
	<hr/>	35,125 20

\$37,514 24

VETERANS' SERVICES

33

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Aid

Cash

6,928 15

\$6,928 15

VETERANS' SERVICES

VETERANS' AGENT

Salary

James H. Ogden, agent

250 00

VETERANS' AID

Cash

624 00

Groceries, fuel, rent

448 00

1,072 00

\$1,322 00

## SCHOOLS

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## SALARIES:

Teachers and supervisors	\$30,118 98	
Superintendent	524 96	
Doctor	300 00	
Nurse	445 00	
Janitor	2,349 75	
Attendance officer	100 00	
Census	200 00	
		\$34,038 69

## EXPENSES:

Superintendent—expenses	139 19	
Office—expenses	341 25	
Books and supplies	1,470 33	
Building maintenance	833 38	
Fuel and light	771 50	
Transportation	5,200 00	
Tuition	17,192 35	
Graduation expenses	43 80	
		25,991 80
		\$60,030 49

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## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

## Expenses

Tuition	675 13	
Transportation	12 00	
		687 13
		687 13

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## SCHOOL LUNCH

(November 1 to December 31)

## Expenses

Labor and supplies	2,729 51	\$2,729 51
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## SCHOOL ADDITION

Labor		
Wages	\$2,180 03	
Expenses		
Printing and advertisements	\$ 297 50	
Architect	8,279 40	
Contractor	61,301 90	
Supplies	34 75	
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	69,913 55	
		\$72,093 58

## LIBRARY

Salaries		
On order	1,134 67	
Expenses		
On order	1,308 42	
		2,443 09
(For complete report see Trustees' report)		

## RECREATION

PARK:		
Wages		
Labor	374 60	
Expenses		
Supplies	146 84	
Storage	50 00	
Water	3 73	
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	200 57	
		575 17

## PARK TREE CLEARING

Labor	170 50	
Truck	27 00	
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	197 50	
		\$197 50

## UNCLASSIFIED

## INSURANCE

Workmen's compensation and liability	\$680 12		
Building liability	85 00		
School	186 75		
Memorial Hall	180 50		
Fire	63 20		
Sealer's equipment	25 05		
Clerk's bond	5 00		
Collector's bond and burglary insurance	113 10		
Treasurer's bond and burglary insurance	122 69		
		\$1,630 96	1,630 96

## MEMORIAL DAY

Band	192 00		
Flowers, wreaths, flags	117 25		
Speaker and music	42 00		
Refreshments	26 88		
Printing	10 00		
		\$388 13	\$388 13

## PRINTING TOWN REPORTS

Newhall Printers, printing	578 00		
Delivering reports	64 80		
		642 80	642 80

## SPECIAL LIGHTING

Traffic lights	11 91		
Christmas Tree lights	34 20		
		46 11	46 11

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEY

Plans and drawings	200 00	200 00
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MANSFIELD FUND

Concerts	240 00	
Picnic	507 00	
Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets	576 00	
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	1,323 00	
		\$1,323 00

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

### SALARIES:

Commissioners		
Richard B. Floyd	\$ 100 00	
Charles G. Bates	100 00	
Gus L. Fischer	100 00	
Office	2,650 00	
		\$2,950 00

### MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION:

#### WAGES:

C. T. Brackett	3,910 40	
Raymond H. Currier	3,297 38	
Benj. Nimblett	2,874 83	
Robert Thomas	3,167 63	
Roland Founier	54 38	
Robert Young	54 38	
Foster Pichard	40 00	
James Bastable	40 00	
Willis Esty	44 38	
		13,483 38

#### ENERGY:

Salem Elec. Lighting Co.	49,234 21	
Danvers Electric Light Dept.	174 92	
		49,409 13

#### EXPENSES:

Poles and wire	3,849 34	
Meters and Transformers	943 96	
Office equipment	139 93	
Miscellaneous equipment	193 11	
Supplies	2,899 03	
Maintenance of meters and transformers	434 15	
Maintenance of street lights	261 97	
Truck maintenance	1,144 79	
Insurance	670 86	
Office supplies	696 15	
Depreciation fund	2,874 18	
Refund	1 28	
		\$14,108 75

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PEABODY ST. AND LAKEVIEW AVE. LIGHTS

Wire and fixtures	\$1,200 00
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DEPRECIATION FUND

Sub-station equipment	\$750 00	
Poles and wire	543 48	
Meters	169 08	
Transformers	1,406 97	
Labor (storm damage)	383 38	
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	\$3,252 91	
		\$84,020 79

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PUBLIC SCALES

## SALARIES:

Harold L. Purdy, weigher	15 00	
Ralph Wennerberg "	35 00	
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	50 00	50 00

**CEMETERIES**

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**Salaries**

Commissioners		
William W. Richardson	\$20 00	
Harold F. Purdy	15 00	
Raymond Maxwell	15 00	
Clarence Richardson	5 00	
Superintendent of burials		
Richard N. Maxwell	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00

**Expenses**

Labor	2,617 25	
Truck hire	150 00	
Supplies	43 05	
Water	11 62	
	<hr/>	2,821 92

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**OPENING GRAVES**

Labor	494 00
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**EQUIPMENT**

Lawn mowers	35 28
	<b>\$3,436 20</b>

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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

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LOANS

New school construction loan	\$2,000 00	
Old school alteration loan	2,000 00	
Tractor purchase loan	2,000 00	
Anticipation serial loan	30,000 00	
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INTEREST

New school loan	280 00	
Old school loan	40 00	
Tractor loan	50 00	
Temporary loan	39 17	
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		\$36,409 17

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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

State audit	799 25	
State parks and reservations	300 07	
County tax	6,196 94	
Dog licenses to County	875 60	
Withholding tax, deductions	6,042 70	
Retirement fund, deductions	2,041 14	
Retirement fund, assessment	1,580 16	
Blue Cross	52 00	
Meter deposits	595 00	
Beverage license	10 00	
	<hr/>	18,492 86
		18,492 86

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TRUST

Deposit of endowment funds	585 00	
	<hr/>	\$585 00

## REFUNDS

1949 Motor vehicle excise tax	\$28 16
1950 Motor vehicle excise tax	150 57
1950 Real estate tax	83 85
Tailings	12 50

\$275 08	\$275 08
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Total expenditures	421,368 52
Cash balance December 31, 1950	205,516 25
	<u>626,884 77</u>

## TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Middleton Sq., survey	395 25
Memorial Hall, roof	410 00
Memorial Hall, expenses	204 32
Tree Warden	150 00
Civilian Defense	100 00
Police expenses	89 17
Board of Appeals	50 00
Interest	49 17
Elections and registrations	13 47

\$1,461 38



# APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSFERS—EXPENDITURES 43

## RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1950

	Appropriation and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Moderator, salary	\$50 00	50 00	
Finance Committee Expenses	25 00	24 00	1 00
Selectmen, Salaries	750 00	750 00	
Expenses	405 00	361 71	43 29
Accountant Salary	700 00	700 00	
Expenses	50 00	47 70	2 30
Treasurers Salary	700 00	700 00	
Expenses	331 00	331 00	
Tax Titles Expenses 400 00	400 00		
Refund 4 00	404 00	152 25	251 75
Collectors Salary	700 00	700 00	
Expenses	470 00	470 00	
Assessors Salaries	1,500 00	1,500 00	
Expenses	595 00	595 00	
Town Counsel Salary	400 00	400 00	
Expenses	100 00	40 10	59 90
Town Clerks Salary	400 00		
Expenses	79 50	70 80	8 70
Election and Registrations Sal.	220 00	220 00	
Expenses 550 00			
Transfer 13 47	564 47	564 47	
Planning Board Expenses	100 00		100 00
Water survey	500 00	450 00	50 00
Town Hall Salary	730 00	730 00	
Expenses	1,200 00	791 99	408 01
Repairs	1,314 35	1,286 54	27 81
Memorial Hall Salary	250 00	250 00	
Expenses 650 00			
Transfer 614 32	1,264 32	1,264 32	
Constable Salary	35 00	35 00	
Police Salaries and Wages	4,390 00	4,310 00	80 00
Expenses 1,610 00			
Transfer 89 17	1,699 17	1,699 17	
Civilian Defense	100 00	68 45	31 55*
Fire Salaries	795 00	726 66	68 34
Expenses	4,110 00	4,098 66	11 34
Truck	4,000 00	4,000 00	
Building Inspector Salary	200 00	200 00	
Expenses	50 00	50 00	
Board of Appeals			
Expenses 50 00			
Transfer 50 00	100 00	54 71	42 59

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	Appropriations and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Sealer of Weights and Meas. Sal.	125 00	125 00	
Expenses	75 00		75 00
Moth Wages and Expenses	1,200 00	1,200 00	
Tree Warden Wages, Expenses	1,000 00		
Transfer	150 00	1,149 49	51
Poison Ivy Control	300 00	299 90	10
Dutch Elm Disease Control	200 00	200 00	
Tree Removal	225 00	225 00	
Power Sprayer	2,000 00	1,977 92	22 08
Health Salary and Expenses	1,600 00	1,485 42	114 58
Essex Sanatorium Assessment	2,750 37	2,750 37	
Dental Clinic	500 00	97 00	403 00
Inspector of Slaughtering Sal.	100 00	100 00	
Inspector of Cattle Salary	200 00	200 00	
Road Mach. Fund Bal.	3,964 56		
Receipts	4,871 25	8,835 81	5,000 00
Highways, Wages, Expenses	4,000 00		3,835 81*
Transfer	1,200 00	5,200 00	5,010 69
Chapter 81	4 800 00		189 31
State	8,800 00	13,600 00	13,600 00
Chapter 90 Main.	2,000 00		
State	1,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Chapter 90 Con.	2,879 80		
State and County	6,000 00	8,879 80	8,276 70
Snow	7,500 00	6,039 38	1,460 62
Essex St., Land Tacking	396 95	107 00	289 95*
Oak Road, Special	300 00		300 00*
Middleton Sq., Survey	395 25	395 25	
Street Lighting	3,000 00	3,000 00	
Traffic Lights	100 00	46 11	53 89
Public Welfare Salaries	475 00	475 00	
Expenses	8,000 00	7,577 38	422 62
Old Age Assistance Aid	25,000 00		
Refund	66 24	25,066 24	19,020 22
Federal Grant	19,227 07	16,104 98	4,546 02
Administration	2,600 00	2,239 04	3,122 09*
Federal Grant	666 16	150 00	360 96
Aid Dependent Children			516 66
Aid	4,000 00		
Transfer	1,500 00	5,500 00	5,105 15
Federal Grant	2,745 34	1,823 00	394 85
Administration			922 34*
Federal Grant	113 92		113 92*
Veterans' Agent Salary	250 00	250 00	
Expense	25 00		25 00
Veterans' Aid	2,000 00	1,072 00	928 00

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSFERS—EXPENDITURES 45

	Appropriation and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
School Salaries	34,141 63	34,038 69	102 94
Expenses	26,227 21	25,991 80	235 41
Addition	189,500 00	72,093 58	117,406 42*
Lunch	3,249 26	2,729 51	519 75*
Vocational Education	1,500 00	687 13	812 87
Library Salaries	1,200 00	1,134 67	65 33
Expenses	1,313 05	1,308 42	4 63
Park Expenses	750 00	575 17	174 83
Tree Clearing	200 00	197 50	2 50
Essex County Retirement Board	1,580 16	1,580 16	
Memorial Day	400 00	388 13	11 87
Town Reports	642 80	642 80	
Insurance	1,680 00	1,630 96	49 04
Municipal Building Survey	200 00	200 00	
Electric Light			
Energy	50,000 00	49,409 13	590 87
Expenses	13,000 00		
Transfer	1,102 82	14,102 82	
Wages	13,100 00		
Transfer	383 38	13,483 38	
Salaries	3,000 00	2,950 00	50 00
Depreciation	2,874 18	2,874 18	
Lakeview Ave., Lights	300 00	300 00	
Peabody St., Lights	900 00	900 00	
Town Scales Salary	50 00	50 00	
Expenses	25 00		25 00
Cemeteries Salaries	90 00	85 00	
Expenses	2,300 00		
Income	523 00	2,823 00	1 08
Graves	500 00	494 00	6 00
Equipment	400 00	35 28	364 72*
Municipal Indebtedness	6,000 00	6,000 00	
Interest	360 00		
Transfer	49 17	409 17	

\* Balance carried forward

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1950—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash on hand	-	-	-	\$ 205,516 25
Petty Cash Advance	-	-	-	50 00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:				
TAXES—1950				
Poll			\$22 00	
Personal property			1,628 75	
Real Estate			8,122 72	
Motor Vehicle Excise			1,840 19	
				11,613 66

## TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:

Tax titles	-	-	4,049 11
Tax possessions	-	-	2,465 59

6,514 70

## DEPARTMENTAL:

Old Age Assistance	-	129 96
Public Welfare	-	136 03
Aid Dependent Children		912 78
Public Health	-	134 29
Town Hall	-	124 50

\$1,437 56

## LIABILITIES

Land Sale Funds	-	-	-	\$ 5,552 12
Land Low Value Fund	-	-	-	161 63
Mansfield Fund Income	-	-	-	43 75
Lots and Graves Fund	-	-	-	350 00
Road Machinery Fund	-	-	-	3,835 81
Electric Light Dept.				
Meter deposits			950 00	
Depreciation Fund			10,474 38	
Surplus			2,196 93	
				13,621 31
Dog Tax for County				
Premium on Bond Issue	-	-	-	16 20
Appropriation Balances	-	-	-	2,068 25
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	-	-	-	125,060 00
1950 Overlay	-	-	-	387 71
Reserve For Petty Cash Advance	-	-	-	350 25
Tailings	-	-	-	50 00
				143 86

# BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1950—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

MUNICIPAL LIGHT:		REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Energy	\$7,947 26	Departmental	1,437 56
Miscellaneous	153 63	Tax Titles	6,514 70
		Motor Vehicle excise	1,840 89
State Aid to Highways	10,660 05	Municipal Light	8,100 89
County Aid to "	2,000 00	Highway	12,660 05
			<u>30,553 39</u>
State Tax Deficit		Overestimate County Tax	673 80
		Surplus Revenue	63,098 30
			<u>\$245,966 38</u>
			<u><u>245,966 38</u></u>

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1950—DEBT AND TRUST FUNDS

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		School Construction Loan	12,000 00
	\$204,000 00	Old School Alteration Loan	2,000 00
		Tractor Purchase Loan	2,000 00
		School Addition Loan	188,000 00
	<u>\$204,000 00</u>		<u>\$204,000 00</u>

## TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Trust and Investment Funds		David Cummings Fund	7,296 72
Cash and securities		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	25,799 84
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$42,568 56	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	9,472 00
In Custody of Library Trustees	9,454 54		
In Custody of Naumkeag Trust Co.	10,169 99	Charles L. Flint Library Fund	6,063 29
		Mary E. Emerson Book Fund	3,391 25
		B. F. Emerson Library Fund	10,169 99
	<u>\$62,193 09</u>		<u>\$62,193 09</u>



## PAYROLL ANALYSIS

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Truck</i>
Leopold Blais	\$2,240 80	
Blais Brothers		\$373 00
Raymond Colby	2,451 90	
James Donovan	1,884 50	
Robert Fuller	2,387 70	
John J. Hocter	2,802 00	
William J. Hocter	16 00	
Clement Kimball	8 00	
Leo Kopachi	8 80	
Ted Klosowski		685 75
Charles Lord	5 00	
Allan Marshall	2,468 40	
James Ogden		290 00
Hazen K. Richardson		128 00
Oscar H. Sheldon		774 75
Leonard Smith		78 00

### CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Charles Baker	392 00	
Arthur Lord	32 00	
Roy Lord	150 00	
Harrison Masse	22 00	
Richard Maxwell	1,353 25	150 00
Richard Murphy	95 50	
Thomas Murphy	806 00	
Arthur Page	277 00	
Richard Sanborn, Jr.	48 50	
John Steele	15 00	

### PARK DEPARTMENT

Henry Luscomb	94 60
Donald Osgood	6 00
Carl Shuman	5 00
James Stewart	189 00
Richard Stewart	34 00
George Ticehurst	46 00

## FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Truck</i>
Charles Baker	\$ 78 00	
Max Breau	118 50	
Raymond Colby	8 80	
Irvin Conley	16 10	
Conley & Brown		\$ 59 75
Raymond Currier, Jr.	44 00	
Richard Dennault	21 00	
James Donovan	67 95	
Eugene Fournier	4 60	
Arthur Fuller	8 00	
Robert Fuller	8 80	
Nathan Hayward	2 00	
Robert LeBlanc	26 45	
Allan Marshall	8 80	
Robert Moore	8 00	
Donald Mosher	6 90	
Arthur Nichols	16 00	
William Ogden	140 15	16 00
Clarence Osgood	519 88	
Donald Pope	9 75	
Loring Peabody	64 40	
Joseph Phaneuf		24 00
John Rubchinuk		10 00
Peter Rubchinuk		33 75
David Sheldon	20 00	
Oscar H. Sheldon		527 00
Leon Soper	574 00	
E. Wennerberg	84 15	
L. Wennerberg	12 50	



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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**December 31, 1950**

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Balance, January 1, 1950

\$85,797 80

**AGENCIES:**

Blue Cross	52 00
Essex County Retirement Board	2,041 14
Federal withholding tax	6,029 90
Tailings	10 00

**CEMETERY:**

Burials	526 00
Graves sold	125 00
Lots endowed	875 00

**COUNTY TREASURER:**

Dog officer	110 50
Dog tax, refund	413 05
Highways, Chapter 90	2,000 00

**ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:**

Collections	77,944 25
Deposits	660 00
Depreciation Fund	2,874 18
Miscellaneous	19 70
Premium refund	29 96
Street lights	3,000 00

**INTEREST EARNED:**

Endowed Cemetery Lots	523 00
Meter Deposit Fund	42 09
National Shawmut Bank	510 97

**LICENSES:**

Liquor and all others	2,045 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS:

Dog tax	891 80
Fees	443 35
Fines	37 65
Land sales	99 35
Mansfield Fund	1,275 00
Miscellaneous sales	39 50
Rent	1,157 50
Tax Title Accounts	219 00

## REIMBURSEMENTS:

Advertising	20 88
Cancelled checks	1 00
Cities and Towns	4,473 03
Loss of taxes	805 09
Miscellaneous	70 24
Tree damage	10 00

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Rentals	4,871 25
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## STATE TREASURER:

Aid dependent children:	
Administration	58 54
State aid	1,904 18
U. S. Grant	2,266 30
Agriculture	100 00
Corporation tax	9,540 30
Dept. of Public Works:	
Highways—Chapter 81	9,181 67
Highways—Chapter 90	4,000 00
Income Tax	21,460 93

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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## Old Age Assistance:

Administration	\$ 518 57
State aid	15,094 98
U. S. grant	15,041 06
Meal tax	799 42
Reimbursement—taxes	1,486 11
School superintendents	393 02
Temporary Aid and Transp.	5,061 35
Veterans' service	157 00
Vocational education	158 00
School lunch program	714 35
Transportation—high school	2,805 00
Tuition	190 87
Public Health Dept.	60 00
Contagious diseases	594 00
Industrial Accident Bd.	1,549 28

## TAX COLLECTOR:

Taxes	110,289 20
Interest	234 55

## LOANS:

National Shawmut Bank	218,000 00
Premium	2,647 00

## SCHOOL CAFETERIA:

Collections	1,602 46
Transfer	932 27

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\$541,086 97

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$626,884 77

## Warrants—No. 1-54

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\$421,368 52

## Balance, December 31, 1950

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\$205,561 25

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

**CUMMINGS FUND**

December 31, 1950

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Balance, January 1, 1950	\$7,860 40
United Shoe Machy. Corp., Shares	975 00

**RECEIPTS**

U. S. M. C., dividends	\$97 52	
Salem Savings Bank, interest	70 56	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, interest	98 55	
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		266 63
Total income		9,102 03
Trustees' orders		1,805 31
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Adjusted total income		\$7,296 72

Balance, December 31, 1950

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	3,038 10	
Salem Savings Bank	2,876 02	
Merchants National Bank	407 60	
United Shoe Machinery, shares	975 00	
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		\$7,296 72

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

Town of Middleton  
Cemetery Endowment Account  
Danvers Savings Bank

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Atwood, L. Frank	- - - 360	\$120 62	\$3 03	\$3 00	\$120 65
Averill, Joseph	- - - - 346	103 06	2 59	3 00	102 65
Berry, Allen & Catherine	- - 112	140 91	3 53	3 50	140 94
Berry, William	- - - - - 178	104 41	2 61	2 50	104 52
Brown, Sarah F.	- - - ½ of 434	54 32	1 37	1 00	54 69
Bryer, Allen D.	- - - - - 526	208 32	5 23	4 00	209 55
Butler, Warren	- - - - -		16	No Chg.	75 16
Carleton, Loring	- - - - - 34	413 66	10 39	6 00	418 05
Curtis, Phoebe	- - - - -	54 61	1 27	1 00	54 98
Dame, John	- - - - - 284	164 80	4 13	4 00	164 93
Demsey, J. W.	- - - - - 156	103 40	2 59	2 50	103 49
Dennett, Ruth H.	- - - - - 24	79 77	1 99	1 50	80 26
Eaton, Irvin L.	- - - - - 168	76 94	1 91	1 50	77 35
Emerson, Benjamin F.	- - - 214	167 34	4 20	4 00	167 54
Emerson, Eunice W.	- - - - 166	106 77	2 68	3 00	106 45
Estey and Hutchinson	- - - - - 48	104 62	2 61	2 50	104 73
Esty, Allena A.	- - - - - 258	237 91	5 96	6 00	237 87
Esty, Annie E.	- - - - - 572	102 85	2 58	2 50	102 93
Evans, George	- - - - - 604	150 00	3 14	2 00	151 14
Flint, George B.	- - - - - 152	72 92	1 81	1 50	73 23
Fowler, Alonzo	- - - - - 12	269 55	6 76	4 00	272 31
Frame, L. Maria	- - - - - 516	134 40	3 38	3 50	134 28
Fuller, Daniel	- - - - - 628	103 80	2 60	2 50	103 90
Fuller, Lida A.	- - - - - 686	104 53	2 61	2 50	104 64
Fuller, Sophronia	- - - - - 236	245 63	6 16	6 00	245 79
Fuller, William H.	- - - - - 336	103 15	2 59	2 50	103 24
Gifford, William	- - - - - 180	104 44	2 61	2 50	104 55
Gilbert, James	- - - - - 188	104 88	2 63	2 50	105 01
Godfrey, William R.	- - - - 714	101 68	2 54	2 50	101 72
Goodwin, Ira E. Heirs of	- - - 380	112 09	2 81	2 00	112 90
Gould, Eben	- - - - - 514	106 41	2 67	2 50	106 58
Gould, Porter I.	- - - - - 414	104 64	2 61	2 50	104 75
Graves-Porter-Richardson	- - 586	103 44	2 59	2 50	103 53
Graves, D. Augustine	- - - - 234	103 43	2 59	2 50	103 52
Ham and King	- - - - - 356	136 17	3 41	3 00	136 58
Hutchinson, Caroline A.	- - - 253	103 03	2 59	2 50	103 12
Hutchinson, Elisha P.	- - - - 740	103 25	2 59	2 50	103 34

## Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Johnson, Frank E. - - - - -	804	\$116 95	\$2 93	\$2 00	\$117 88
Leavitt, Jerome - - - - -	62	163 34	4 10	3 00	164 44
McIntire, Abraham - - - - -	132	80 02	2 01	1 50	80 53
McIntire, Annie M. - - - - -	338	110 30	2 77	2 50	110 57
Milbery, J. Wesley - - - - -	706	105 16	2 64	2 50	105 30
Moore & Cram - - - - -	-	150 00	2 51	No Chg.	152 51
Peabody & Hutchinson - - - - -	182-184	161 90	4 05	3 50	162 45
Peabody, Andrew - - - - -	56	103 54	2 59	2 50	103 63
Peabody, John L. - - - - -	196	107 00	2 69	3 00	106 69
Peabody, William M. - - - - -	-	104 11	2 61	2 00	104 72
Peabody, Samuel M. - - - - -	204	104 59	2 61	2 50	104 70
Peabody, L. Maria - - - - -	584	105 35	2 64	2 00	105 99
Pike, Sarah J. - - - - -	412	139 13	3 49	2 00	140 62
Phelps, William A. - - - - -	148	104 22	2 61	2 50	104 33
Richardson, Eli - - - - -	363	167 84	4 20	3 50	168 54
Richardson, Lucy G. - - - - -	80	506 89	12 74	4 00	515 63
Russell, George - - - - -	114	155 96	3 90	3 50	156 36
Russell, Harriett W. - - - - -	-	105 88	2 65	2 50	106 03
Russell, Persis - - - - -	430	232 44	5 84	5 00	233 28
Sargent, James A. - - - - -	750	105 89	2 65	2 00	106 54
Skinner & Wilkins - - - - -	400	105 68	2 64	2 00	106 32
Smith, E. D. & M. J. - - - - -	436	103 77	2 60	2 50	103 87
Smith, Sarah F. - - - - -	102	172 43	4 33	3 50	173 26
Soper, Polly A. - - - - -	298	104 09	2 61	2 50	104 20
Stiles, David - - - - -	-	173 88	4 36	4 00	174 24
Stiles, Farnham - - - - -	10	104 06	2 61	2 50	104 17
Tedford, Joseph A. - - - - -	810	161 05	4 05	3 50	161 60
Thomas, H. Amelia - - - - -	64	79 50	1 99	1 50	79 99
Thompson, C. E. & Ellen - - - - -	392	252 62	6 34	6 00	252 96
Tufts, Wilbur - - - - -	486	103 37	2 59	2 50	103 46
Tyler, Ansel P. - - - - -	540	186 37	4 68	4 00	187 05
Weston, Samuel W. - - - - -	36	212 65	5 34	6 00	211 99
Wellman, John R. - - - - -	40	224 49	5 64	6 00	224 13
Whitman, Carl N. - - - - -	116	104 50	2 61	2 00	105 11
Wilkins, Luther - - - - -	176	179 78	4 52	3 50	180 80
Wilkins, Henry A. - - - - -	254	104 84	2 63	2 50	104 97
Wilkins, Timothy - - - - -	50	108 34	2 71	2 50	108 55
		<u>\$10,123 68</u>	<u>\$252 00</u>	<u>\$212 50</u>	<u>\$10,238 18</u>



Town of Middleton  
Cemetery Endowment Account  
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Atwood, Morrison - - -	128	\$163 94	\$4 10	\$3 50	\$164 54
Averill, Edward P. - - -	52	104 02	2 61	2 50	104 13
Barnaby, Caroline V. - - -	646	113 74	2 85	2 50	114 09
Batchelder, Harold T. - - -	528	83 25	2 09	1 50	83 84
Brown, Carl - - -	914		63	No Chg.	150 63
Conlon, Mary A. - - -		105 73	2 65	2 50	105 88
Curry, Mary A. - - -	342	107 52	2 69	2 50	107 71
Day, Mrs. Geo. E. - - -	588	54 04	1 36	1 00	54 40
Day, Weaver - - -	248	158 56	3 98	4 00	158 54
Evans, Otis - - -			63	No Chg.	150 63
Fuller, Jeremiah - - -	40	141 67	3 55	3 50	141 72
Fuller, Luella F. - - -	158	158 03	3 98	4 00	158 01
Fuller, Lydia & Timothy - - -	268	104 46	2 61	2 50	104 57
Fuller and Taylor - - -	644	156 50	3 93	4 00	156 43
Goswiler, Carl B. - - -	716	161 75	4 05	3 00	162 80
Hall, E. P. - - -	106	106 64	2 67	2 50	106 81
Harlow, Levi F. - - -	684	107 33	2 69	2 50	107 52
Haskell, Ella C. - - -	390	207 20	5 20	5 00	207 40
Higgins, Lewis S. - - -	264	108 61	2 71	2 50	108 82
Hobbs, Kathryn - - - $\frac{1}{2}$ of	588	54 17	1 36	1 00	54 53
Hutchinson and Russell - - -	518	102 80	2 58	2 00	103 38
Jones, John E. - - -	372	105 10	2 64	2 50	105 24
Jones, Samuel - - -	290	105 32	2 64	2 50	105 46
Mosher, William - - -				No Chg.	150 00
Peabody, A. W. - - -	90	251 64	6 32	6 00	251 96
Peabody, Dean - - -	344	103 09	2 59	2 50	103 18
Peabody, John W., 2nd - - -	192	155 11	3 90	3 50	155 51
Peabody, Laura E. - - -	534	103 53	2 59	2 50	103 62
Putney, Lucretia - - -	104	153 85	3 85	3 50	154 20
Richardson, Benj. F. - - -	164	103 80	2 60	2 50	103 90
Richardson, Daniel - - -		104 70	2 63	2 50	104 83
Richardson, Rev. D. W. - - -	410	105 36	2 64	2 50	105 50
Riley & Daniels - - -				No Chg.	150 00
Stiles, Hiram A. - - -	30	165 28	4 15	4 00	165 43
Stiles, Osgood F. - - -	424	164 84	4 13	4 00	164 97

### Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Stiles, Sumner P.    -    -    -	482	\$165 30	\$4 15	\$4 00	\$165 45
Taylor, Benjamin H.    -    -	334	104 15	2 61	2 50	104 26
White, Henry F.    -    -    -	208	83 97	2 10	2 00	84 07
Wilkins, Henry & Cora    -    -	440-442	317 55	7 97	6 50	319 02
Wilkins, Edward W.    -    -	172	191 19	4 80	4 00	191 99
Wilkins, Samuel H.    -    -	230	104 54	2 61	2 50	104 65
Young, John    -    -    -    -	278	104 35	2 61	2 50	104 46
		<u>\$4,992 63</u>	<u>\$126 45</u>	<u>\$115 00</u>	<u>\$5,604 08</u>



Town of Middleton  
Cemetery Endowment Account  
Salem Savings Bank

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Baker, Charles, Jr. - - -	398	\$152 54	\$3 83	\$3 50	\$152 87
Barnaby, John - - -	308	151 72	3 80	3 50	152 02
Bastable, Arthur - - -	10	155 24	3 90	3 50	155 64
Berry, Milton - - -	718	153 43	3 85	3 50	153 78
Boghossian, Leon - - ½ of B15½	75 78	1 89	1 00	76 67	
Boodro, Austin - - -	B15	76 88	1 91	1 00	77 79
Bradstreet, H. H. - - -	1	155 32	3 90	3 50	155 72
Bryer, Lillian L. - - -	606	152 43	3 83	3 50	152 76
Carter, Mary O. - - -	137	157 31	3 95	4 00	157 26
Curtis, Philip - - -	B-13	151 75	3 80	3 50	152 05
Darling, Lyman - - -	438	151 56	3 80	3 00	152 36
Densmore, Stanley - - -	B3	153 53	3 85	3 50	153 83
Downing, William H. - - -	626	108 12	2 71	1 50	109 33
Duncan, Reuben - - -	489	153 19	3 85	3 50	153 54
Emerson, Ellen M. - - -	138	102 60	2 57	2 50	102 67
Emerson, Henry P. - - -	496	535 19	13 45	12 00	536 64
Esty, Loren G. - - -	538	125 40	3 14	3 50	125 04
Firman, Aaron G. - - -	Sec. 504	49 94	1 24	No Chg.	51 18
Fletcher, Samuel A. - - -	130	102 39	2 57	2 50	102 46
Flint, Harley A. - - -	256	101 89	2 55	2 50	101 94
Frost, Chas. O. - - -	340	176 90	4 44	4 00	177 34
Fuller, Abijah - - -	110	176 46	4 43	4 00	176 89
Gould, Andrew - - -	352	55 39	1 39	1 00	55 78
Gould, Mary - - -	422	202 08	5 08	3 00	204 16
Gould, Walter - - -	578	153 61	3 85	3 50	153 96
Graham, Benj. & Edythe - - -	139	153 54	3 85	3 50	153 89
Hatch, Herbert O. - - -	642	152 19	3 83	3 00	153 02
Hilton, Ellen - - -	492½	161 57	4 05	No Chg.	165 62
Hoelzel, William - - -	5-6	154 59	3 88	3 50	154 97
Howe, Benjamin - - -	160	153 52	3 85	3 50	153 87
Jones, John and Mary - - -	802	204 20	5 13	4 00	205 33
Jopp, C. B. - - -	912	77 74	1 94	1 50	78 18
Lee & Meade - - -	82	152 99	3 83	3 50	153 32
Leonard & Henderson - - -	141-3	308 19	7 75	6 00	309 94
Lever, William - - -	18	151 73	3 80	3 00	152 53

## Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1949	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1950
Martin, William - - -		\$153 17	\$3 85	\$3 50	\$153 52
Metcalf, John - - -	624	153 59	3 85	3 50	153 94
Millett, Annie L. - - -		153 77	3 85	3 00	154 62
McGlaulin, Benjamin T. - - -	76	155 52	3 90	3 50	155 92
McKenne, Thomas - - -	532	153 87	3 85	3 00	154 72
Nash, Harold - - -	B11	77 13	1 94	1 50	77 57
Nelson, Roy - - -	910	153 56	3 85	3 50	153 91
Paine, Walter - - -	7	154 24	3 88	3 50	154 62
Peabody, Merrill - - -	754	105 66	2 64	3 00	105 30
Perkins, William - - -	643	206 43	5 19	3 00	208 62
Phelps, Annie H. - - -	146	175 18	4 40	4 00	175 58
Richardson, William J. - - -	250	158 66	3 98	3 50	159 14
Russell, Serena - - -	477	155 42	3 90	3 50	155 82
Sanford, William - - -	11½	77 49	1 94	1 50	77 93
Sheldon, Alonzo - - -	682	154 30	3 88	3 00	155 18
Sheldon, Lucy J. - - -	212	156 77	3 93	3 00	157 70
Smith, George H. - - -	764	109 46	2 74	2 50	109 70
Stewart, Richard - - -	676	152 51	3 83	3 50	152 84
Symonds, Charles H. - - -	448	104 35	2 61	2 50	104 46
Townsend, Edward - - -	468	152 19	3 83	3 50	152 52
Townsend, Ernest - - -	454	152 19	3 83	3 50	152 52
Tyler, Alma - - -		152 72	3 83	3 50	153 05
Tyler, Henrietta - - -		152 72	3 83	3 50	153 05
Wiggins, Alexander - - -	806	161 57	4 05	No Chg.	165 62
Wilkins, Alvin - - -	218	150 94	3 78	2 50	152 22
Wilkins, Charles - - -	459	154 10	3 88	3 00	154 98
Wilkins, Susan A. - - -	596	103 59	2 59	2 00	104 18
Wilkins and Young - - -	614	153 17	3 85	3 00	154 02
Williams, Percy - - -	½B17	75 31	1 89	1 00	76 20
		\$9,520 49	\$238 86	\$195 50	\$9,563 85
Section C Graves		334 99	8 74	No. Chg.	393 73

REPORTS

OF THE

Various Departments

1950



## FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY—TRUSTEE'S REPORT TREASURER'S REPORT

## INCOME:

Balance January 1, 1950	\$ 486 33	
Naumkeag Trust Co.	412 84	
Essex Savings Bank	20 00	
Broadway Savings Bank	37 32	
Book fines, cash on hand	18 00	
Total		\$974 49
Town appropriation expenses		900 00
Town appropriation salaries		1,200 00
Dog tax		413 05
		<u>3,487 54</u>

## Expenditures, salaries

Librarian's salary	499 92	
Librarian's assistant's salary	334 75	
Janitor's salary	300 00	
Returned to revenue	65 33	
		<u>1,200 00</u>

## Expenditures expenses

Ass't. Librarian Sub.	24 00	
New books	541 62	
Magazines	56 00	
Fuel	354 65	
Light	65 10	
Water	6 98	
Insurance	158 31	
Building maintenance	373 37	
Miscellaneous	76 44	
Bank service charge	1 32	
Balance, Naumkeag Trust Co.	607 12	
Cash on hand	18 00	
Returned to revenue	4 63	
		<u>2,287 54</u>

\$3,487 54

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

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**CHARLES L. FLINT FUND**

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:	
Charles L. Flint fund, principal	\$5,000 00
Deposited in banks, December 31, 1950:	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1,131 11
Danvers Savings Bank	1,400 99
Broadway Savings Bank	1,866 96
Essex Savings Bank	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank	664 23
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	6,063 29

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**MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND**

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:	
Mary Esty Emerson Fund, Principal	\$2,500.00
Invested as follows:	
Carena Apartment Building Bond (par value)	500 00
Carena Apartment Corp. (Capital stock)	
Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street	
(20 shares common stock)	20
Deposited in Danvers Savings Bank	2,136 59
Deposited in Danvers National Bank	754 25
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Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

(Income from B. F. Emerson Fund Naumkeag Trust Co.   \$399 34)

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**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1950**

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During the year 1950, the library hours were changed and the library is now open on the following days:

Tuesday — 3 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Friday — 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Saturday — 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The trustees hope to reach a greater number of readers by increasing the number of hours per week.

The second week of November was observed as National Book Week for Children, with exhibits for all ages. Also, many new books for adults were shown. As usual, the display was in the balcony. An interesting feature of the exhibit was a collection of very old children's books. Some were over one hundred years old. They were loaned by Mrs. George E. Gifford.

Pupils of the Howe-Manning School have been aided in their selection of books to obtain State Certificates for reading. Five deposits of books were placed in the school rooms for grades 4 - 8.

Holten High School students have secured books for supplementary readings in connection with English and History courses. Students have also made good use of the many reference books on the library shelves.

The following magazines were in the reading room.

American Magazine	Home Craftsman
American Boy	Jack and Jill
American Girl	Life
American Home	McCall's Needlework
Better Homes and Gardens	Nature Magazine
Bird Life	National Geographic
Child Life	Our Dumb Animals
Country Gentleman	Popular Mechanics
Everybody's Poultry	Reader's Digest
Farm Journal	Seventeen

The librarian wishes to express her appreciation to the trustees for their many kindnesses and cooperation during the past year.

## ANNUAL STATISTICS

Volumes in library January 1, 1950	9,976
Volumes added by purchase	305
Volumes added by gift	25
Volumes in the library January 1, 1951	10,306
Total circulation of books, year ending January 1, 1951	5,296
Total circulation, non fiction	1,540
Largest monthly circulation, March	474

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH E. CARLETON,

Librarian.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Selectmen submit for your approval its annual report of activities for the year ending December 31st, 1950.

Meetings have been held each Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall except during the months of July and August when meetings were held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The pressure of business this past year has made it necessary to hold many special meetings to transact business.

As you are all well aware the National and World situation has made it necessary for us to rebuild our Civilian Defense agencies. This year we appointed Mr. Arthur Doane of No. Main Street as our Coordinator of Civilian Defense. He has been very successful in gathering volunteer groups to undertake this work. Any assistance given him by the Townspeople we know will be greatly appreciated.

During the past year we have spent much time making a complete survey of the Town's insurance problem. We found where the Real Estate owned by the Town was under insured and were able to secure savings in some cases where combining of policies were possible. The following is a list of property and values which will bring this problem to your attention.

The valuations as estimated by the various Town Dept. on the contents of building were as follows:

Town Hall	\$1,000.00	
Fire House	1,500.00	
Electric Light Department	1,000.00	Fixtures
	5,000.00	Stock
Board of Assessors	1,000.00	Fixtures
School Cafeteria	4,000.00	
Other Contents	20,000.00	
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Total	\$33,500.00	

At the present time, the total insurance carried on the contents is \$6,500.00 on an 80% co-insurance basis.

On the following buildings we secured the latest appraisal values:

Fire Station	\$ 6,200.00
Garage in rear	850.00
Town Hall	15,300.00
School	16,900.00
Memorial Hall	230,260.00
Garage in rear	1,080.00
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Total	\$270,590.00

At the present time the total insurance carried on the buildings is \$92,500.00.

Including the new addition to the school building we have set up a total Real Estate Value of \$370,600.00 and a contents value of \$32,000.00 which we propose to be carried on a blanket policy giving us a substantial reduction in rate on all Town buildings. The cost to the Town would be \$4,500.00 the first year of this policy and approximately \$1,500.00 a year for each year after. We have entered these figures in our budget for the year. We were also able to make a good savings by obtaining a fleet policy to cover all of the Town's vehicles.

In our annual 1950 Town Meeting under Article 18 the Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to remove one side of the stone abutment of the old railroad right-of-way and to gravel in the low area on Oak Road. This article was presented on the recommendation of the Planning Board. A thorough investigation was made into this project and as the Town did not possess the necessary equipment to perform this work, bids were invited. One bid received was in the amount of \$1,300.00 and the other in the amount of \$1,400.00. These were the only bids received from eight contractors consulted. Many contractors would only undertake the job on a Labor, Material and Equipment used basis.

We refer the report on this article to the Town for whatever action they feel is advisable.

At the Annual Court meeting held with the State Highway Officials last October in the Salem Court House, this Board entered a request for the State and County funds necessary to rebuild the Peabody Street Bridge over the Boston Brook. Before this meeting was held, engineers had been consulted and the Bridge was found to be in very poor condition. They recommended rebuilding the bridge at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00, the Town's share of this expense

to be \$5,000.00. As soon as a report is made to us by the State Dept. of Public Works this Board plans to bring an Article before a Town Meeting to appropriate the necessary funds.

At a Special Town Meeting held Tuesday, September 26th, the sum of \$1,200.00 was appropriated to repair the No. Liberty Street Bridge. This work was completed by the Highway Surveyor on the week of November 20th. The amount of \$600.00 was received from the Dept. of Public Works to assist the Town with this job, making the total cost to the Town of Middleton \$600.00.

As a result of conversations with the Town of Danvers the figure of \$1,500.00 was arrived at as Middleton's share for repairs necessary to the Green Street Bridge. This Board has entered an Article in the Annual Warrant for the necessary funds to meet our share of the cost of these repairs.

The Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Health has been faced with securing proper dumping facilities for the past two years. The present dump located on property of John Muzichuk of North Main Street is fast being filled in, and the Town will soon need another dump.

This Board recommends that the Moderator be instructed to appoint a committee of five Townspeople to find a suitable dumping location, and that this committee be authorized to take an option to purchase this property and report back to the next annual Town Meeting.

This has been a very busy year for the Board as you will see from our report to the citizens. We feel that with the increase in the business we have to handle thought should be given to the need of clerical assistance for this Board to help with our many requests, complaints, correspondence, etc., that take place during the day when members of the Board of Selectmen are not available.

We feel with this clerical assistance we can give the general public much better service, such as answering and writing letters, making out licenses, receiving Board of Health complaints and knowing where to contact members of the Board during the day. You will notice that the increase in our budget request is to cover this service to the townspeople.

We have also taken under consideration moving our office to Memorial Hall Building on South Main Street to bring all Town offices together in one building.

This year with money supplied by the Mansfield Fund we were able to hold two band concerts at the park. We also held the annual picnic sending the children of the town to Pine Island Park. As usual baskets were distributed on both Christmas and Thanksgiving by the Mansfield Fund.

We wish at this time to extend our thanks to all the Town Officials and Citizens of the Town for the fine cooperation we have received this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. RUNDLETT, JR.

JAMES H. COFFIN

GEORGE B. OGDEN

Board of Selectmen.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## MARRIAGE RECORD FOR 1950

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Jan. 5	Middleton	Allen L. Varina Elizabeth M. Hughes	Lynn Lynn
Jan. 5	Middleton	Lawrence J. Case Eleanor A. Jones	Salem Middleton
Jan. 7	Middleton	William L. Keating, Jr. Alyce Hurd	Saugus Middleton
Jan. 14	Lynn	William Kallman, Jr. Mary T. Burns	Middleton Lynn
Jan. 28	Middleton	Marshall L. Pool Genevieve A. Campbell	Salem Middleton
Feb. 18	Middleton	Allyn N. Richards, Jr. June O. Scott	Bronx, N. Y. Middleton
April 11	Middleton	Keneth A. Brown Eleanor B. Corriveau	Middleton Danvers
Apr. 26	Seabrook, N.H.	Barry D. Grecoe Carolyn M. Veinotte	Andover Middleton
May 20	Danvers	Richard E. Hood Margaret M. Hynes	Middleton Danvers
May 28	Middleton	William F. Cashman Doris M. Bouchard	Danvers Middleton
June 30	Danvers	Ralph H. Hersey Agnes M. H. Pridham	Salem Middleton
July 1	Middleton	Alfred W. Crooker Grace A. Nelson	Billerica Billerica
July 2	Salem	Walter Byko June M. Dalton	Middleton Salem
July 16	Danvers	Edward E. Coffin Mary Zibell	Middleton Danvers
July 22	Middleton	Richmond R. Bell Jeanne C. Richardson	Wellfleet Middleton

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>
July 22	Lynn	James A. White Marion L. Call	Wakefield Middleton
July 30	Middleton	Eligio Massarone Elizabeth E. A. Gangi	Topsfield Topsfield
Aug. 19	Salem	John M. Morose Doris Y. Grenier	Middleton Salem
Aug. 20	Middleton	Carlyle W. Thomas Rose E. Englehardt	Middleton Middleton
Aug. 23	Middleton	James B. Thompson Shirley A. Urguhart	Lynnfield Lynnfield
Aug. 17	Manchester, N.H.	Jesse R. Marshall Esther E. Katz	Middleton Middleton
Aug. 25	Middleton	Ronald S. Taylor Mildred E. Tingley	Beverly Beverly
Aug. 26	Ipswich	William S. Rawson Ruth M. Clements	Middleton Ipswich
Aug. 27	Middleton	Charles R. Swift Nina Sedler	Danvers Middleton
Sept. 2	Middleton	Robert C. Eagles Harriet C. Webb	Canton Foxboro
Sept. 3	Lynn	Francis T. Dupuis Olive A. Townsend	Lynn Middleton
Sept. 9	Middleton	Edward F. Casey Dorothy F. Tinkham	Salem Middleton
Sept. 17	Danvers	Robert E. Duclow Jean L. Doucette	Middleton Salem
Sept. 23	Beverly	Anson T. Lindley Sylvia P. Kimball	Middleton Beverly
Sept. 23	Middleton	Harry Leach Harria A. Wilder	Lynnfield Billerica
Sept. 24	Salem	Clement W. Evans Jennie P. Sexton	Middleton Salem
Sept. 24	Middleton	Francis B. Madden, Jr. Angelina M. Gallant	Bev'ly Farms Middleton



<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Sept. 30	Reading	David A. Sheldon Nathalie Warren	Middleton Topsfield
Oct. 7	Middleton	Raymond L. Denault Jean E. DeBlois	Middleton Middleton
Oct. 12	Middleton	Keneth F. Fulton Marion D. Rich	Middleton Danvers
Oct. 27	Melrose	Paul B. Wake, Jr. Patricia N. Murphy	Middleton Middleton
Oct. 28	Ipswich	Chester A. Hood, Jr. Janice E. Homans	Middleton Ipswich
Nov. 11	Middleton	Robert J. Denault Ida Louise DeBlois	Middleton Middleton
Nov. 12	Salem	Vernon H. Wright Jeanette Dumas	Middleton Salem
Nov. 22	Middleton	Edmond J. Dallaine Marie A. Q. Houle	Salem Salem

## BIRTH RECORD FOR 1950

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Jan. 1	Donna Pearl Gifford	Parker E. Gifford Marilyn A. Evans
Jan. 3	Susan Laura LeVesque	Ledger M. LeVesque Dorothy E. Spoad
Jan. 3	Robert Fred Rubchinuk	Fred Rubchinuk Marcella A. Hebb
Jan. 8	John Allen Kearns	Donald A. Kearns Ellen B. Wrinkle
Jan. 9	William Francis Ogden, Jr.	William F. Ogden Martha F. Rowell
Jan. 12	Deanna Charlene Osborne	Seymer W. Osborne Mildred J. Currier
Jan. 25	Cheryl Ann Quimby	William D. Quimby Gloria W. Chamberlain

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Jan. 27	Raymond Rodney Roberts	Raymond R. Roberts Isabella E. Letusky
Jan. 29	Lucinda Ann Ordway	Victor J. Ordway Mary Elise Dacey
Feb. 3	Olivia Frances Bastable	Arthur F. Bastable Rosamond D. LeColst
Feb. 4	Dianne Ellen Swindell	Wilfred J. Swindell Myrtle McDonald
Feb. 7	Rosemary Agnes LeBlanc	Joseph E. LeBlanc Eunice May Goulart
Feb. 13	Alyce Catherine Latusky	Frank Latusky Andrey M. Driscoll
Feb. 16	Bruce Alden Campbell	Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. Page L. Gifford
March 2	Richard Harold Meade	Richard Jones Meade Doreen I. Weston
March 10	Malcolm Douglas Seaver	Malcolm D. Seaver Marion E. Clinch
March 20	Linda Sharyn Foss	Ernest Leonard Foss, Jr. Doris M. Allen
March 21	Philip Alfred Picariello	Joseph Picariello Shirley G. Campbell
March 24	Keneth Samuel LeColst	Frank T. LeColst Priscilla C. Foss
March 29	Gary Ernest Richards	Alfred E. Richards Esther M. Bennett
March 30	Lyn Dee Seibert	Louis S. Seibert Florence E. LeBlanc
April 7	Roger Wesley Batchelder	Lew A. Batchelder Laurenia A. Eastman
April 21	Teresa Madeleine Watson	John Dixon Watson Marion M. Caterina
April 28	Clayton Fred Goodrich, Jr.	Clayton F. Goodrich Mary M. McNeil



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<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
May 4	Kathie Mary Johnson	Arthur R. Johnson Kathleen M. Barley
May 9	Catherine Theresa Gallant	Phillippe J. Gallant Lucienne T. Fraser
June 3	Pamela Jean Titus	Gerald A. Titus Lillian C. Peart
June 4	Robert Marshall Pool	Marshall L. Pool Genevieve A. Campbell
June 10	Robert Walter Wilichoski Marylou Wilichoski	Philip G. Wilichoski Mary Louise Woodlock
June 14	Keith John Bellas	John H. Bellas Agnes M. Manchester
June 27	Karen Jean Gage	Norman F. Gage Jean L. Kuell
June 28	Baby Girl Pitman	Jacob H. Pitman Marion F. Gill
July 2	Mary Ann Roberts	Clarence O. Roberts Charlotte M. Hunter
July 5	Henry George Barrowclough	H. H. Barrowclough, Jr. Gladys V. Moore
July 23	Kathy Linda Ballard	Lloyd F. Ballard Martha M. McGoldrick
Aug. 2	Marsha Ann Donovan	Daniel J. Donovan Audrey B. Higgins
Aug. 16	William Neil Boardman	Richard G. Boardman Myrtle M. Fuller
Aug. 23	John Wayne Hubley	Kerwin W. Hubley Anna Klosowski
Aug. 27	Hannah Jane Rundlett	Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. Hannah J. Martin
Sept. 8	Donald James Lee	Joseph T. Lee Mary E. Meagher
Sept. 15	Rita Ann Hurd	Francis L. Hurd Nadine Rawson
Sept. 28	Brian John Dunn	John E. Dunn Margaret F. MacLaughlin

## RECORD OF RESIDENT DEATHS, 1950

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 2	Lizzie Ann Peckham	88	11	26
Jan. 5	Percy O. Richardson	57	—	—
Jan. 21	Galen Benjamin Howe	81	3	5
Jan. 23	Howard Burnett	73	9	29
Feb. 3	Frances Callahan	68	11	18
March 11	Reuben G. Bezanson	55	—	27
March 12	Filippo Carcione	70	—	—
April 2	Myron Mekulyk	56	—	—
May 3	Elmer Chester Brown	26	—	—
May 4	Warren Pennell	69	6	11
May 5	Margaret E. Marson	71	—	—
May 6	Clara E. Bryer	84	—	—
May 8	George Fletcher	38	1	21
May 12	Philip Seymour	60	—	—
May 17	Sandra Ludwig	12	—	15
July 4	Mary Armitage	41	6	19
July 5	Edward P. Seaver	68	—	12
July 21	Charles Edward Gross	71	1	—
Aug. 6	Jeremiah J. Sullivan	63	6	10
Aug. 10	William E. Cohoon	62	10	13
Aug. 15	Albert Berry	74	11	24
Aug. 17	Mary A. Carter	84	8	9
Aug. 20	Charles F. Etter	91	10	6
Oct. 19	William Duns	59	1	22
Oct. 23	Elva Fellows Sherwood	73	—	22

Non-resident Deaths—58

Any errors or omissions should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

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**DOG TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1950**

241 Male Dogs at \$2.00	.	.	.	\$482.00
47 Female Dogs at \$5.00	.	.	.	235.00
57 Spayed Female Dogs at \$2.00	.	.	.	114.00
8 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00	.	.	.	80.00
2 Kennel Licenses at \$25.00	.	.	.	50.00
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				\$961.00
			Fees Deducted	81.00
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			Paid to Town Treasurer	\$880.00

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**LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1950**

86 Resident Citizens	.	.	Fishing
83 Resident Citizens	.	.	Hunting
33 Resident Citizens	.	.	Sporting
30 Resident Citizens	.	.	Women's and Minor
2 Resident Citizens	.	.	Trapping
1 Resident Citizen	.	.	Free (Old Age Ass't.)
2 Resident Citizens	.	.	Sporting (Military)
1 Resident Citizen	.	.	Sporting (70 Years or Over)

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL,

Town Clerk.

**LAND OWNED BY TOWN****December 31, 1950**

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The Town owns the following parcels of land which have been deeded to the Town by the Treasurer:

**HASWELL PARK:**

Lot 155; Lots 286-290 inclusive.

**MIDDLETON PINES:**

Lots 2; 3; 4; 294; 295; 406; 408; 410; 412; 414; 456; 457; 532-535 inclusive; 948; 949.

**RECREATION PARK:**

1st lot of 9th parcel. Bk. 2253 Page 381

14th parcel Bk. 2253 Page 381

2nd pasture Woodland and Meadow

Elliott Lot; Gray lot; Island pasture; Smith Lot; Sutton Lot.

Lots G and H; Lots 61-68 inclusive; 71-82 inclusive; 128-130 inclusive; 231-236 inclusive.

**RIVERVIEW PARK:**

Lots 35-37 inclusive; 239; 240; 283; 284; 300; 301.

**SUMMIT VIEW PARK:**

Lots 30-34 inclusive; 51; 57; 74-79 inclusive; 94-97 inclusive; 136-148 inclusive; 164-169 inclusive; 212; 213; 215-218 inclusive; 238; 239; 242-251 inclusive; 257-270 inclusive; 288-301 inclusive; 307; 308; 311-318 inclusive; 321-324 inclusive; 326-337 inclusive; 344-371 inclusive; 376; 378-382 inclusive; 385-398 inclusive.

**WOODLAND PARK:**

Lots 83-91 inclusive; 125; 113-117 inclusive; 135-138 inclusive; 332; 575; 576.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

G. A. Fuller meadow, 14 acres. (cranberry bog)

Joseph Whittier estate, woodland, approximately 8 acres.

MARION E. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

## LIST OF JURORS

July 25, 1950

Mr. Archie N. Frost, Clerk of Courts  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The following is a List of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws:

Name	Street	Occupation
Addison, John M.	Haswell Park	Gas Worker
Bott, Thomas	East Street	Retired
Clinch, Charles S., Sr.	Central Street	Retired
Clinch, Charles S., Jr.	South Main Street	Mechanic
Currier, Herbert	Forest Street	Carpenter
Dow, Frank E.	Forest Street	Retired
Doane, Arthur G.	North Main Street	Insurance
Evans, Frank	Central Street	Retired
Floyd, Richard G.	Maple Street	Shipper
Fuller, Arthur	Maple Street	Farmer
Martin, William T.	Maple Street	Carpenter
Marshall, Richard M.	Riverview Drive	Machinist
Peart, James W.	Forest Street	Blacksmith
Raynard, Ralph	Boston Street	Foreman
Soper, Leon H.	North Main Street	Sign painter

Very truly yours,

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, Jr.

JAMES H. COFFIN,

GEORGE B. OGDEN,

Board of Selectmen.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

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## Board of Selectmen:

Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Permits applied for	88
Permits issued	87
Permits not granted	1
Jobs completed	47
Jobs not completed to date	26
Permits for moving buildings	8
Public hearings held	5
Calls made for inspection	478
Mileage covered	749 miles
Amount collected in fees	\$252.00
Estimated value of permits issued	474,561 00
Estimated value of new construction	56,100 00
Estimated value of new construction not completed	200,650 00
Estimated value remodeling	217,811 00
Estimated value remodeling completed	19,211 00
Estimated value remodeling not completed	198,600 00

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that \$189,500.00 of the remodeling not completed is the addition to the school.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the general public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL F. JONES,

Building Inspector.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1950 Tax Rate.

### APPROPRIATIONS:

Town appropriation	\$287,204 53
Tax title foreclosure	400 00
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years	30 26
State parks and reservations	226 80
State parks and reservations (1949 underestimate)	73 17
State audit of municipal accounts	799 25
County tax	6,870 74
County Tax (1949 underestimate)	914 28
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	2,834 42
1950 Overlay	3,205 17
Total appropriation	\$302,558 62

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Income tax	21,874 95
Corporation taxes	13,089 18
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	1,809 19
Old age tax (meals) Gen. Laws, (Chap. 46B S10)	869 62
Grants and gifts	3,000 00
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	8,400 00
Licenses	2,000 00
Fines	300 00
Special Assessments	700 00
General government	1,000 00
Protection of persons and property	300 00
Charities	6,000 00
Old age assistance (other than federal grants)	17,000 00
Veterans' benefits	700 00
Schools	3,000 00
Public service enterprises	83,174 18
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	400 00
Interest on taxes and assessments	300 00
School transportation	2,875 00
State audit of municipal accounts	988 23
Amounts to be taken from available funds	30,813 05
Total estimated receipts and available funds	\$198,593 40



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Gross amount to be raised	\$302,558 62
Total estimated receipts and available funds	198,593 40
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	\$103,965 22
Net amount raised by taxation on personal property	6,391 60
“ “ “ “ “ “ real estate	95,940 57
Number of polls assessed, 816 at \$2.00 each	1,632 00
Fractional gain	1 05
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	\$103,965 22

## TOTAL VALUATION:

Personal property	\$148,642 00
Real estate	2,231,176 00
1950 Tax rate	43 00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. WAKE, SR.,  
 HAROLD M. BISHOP,  
 DANIEL J. DONOVAN,

Board of Assessors.



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Year of Tax	Balance Jan. 1, 1950	1950 Commitment	Tax Collected	Interest Collected	Abate- ments	Refunds	Tax Titles	Balance Dec. 31, '50
REAL ESTATE	1949	\$7,727 87	—	\$ 7,269 11	\$182 33	\$ 3 08	—	\$455 68	—
	1950	—	95,944 85	84,543 27	21 81	2,555 07	\$83 85	1,201 69	\$7,644 82
EXCISE	1949	1,060 37	—	1,012 02	12 80	48 35	28 16	—	—
	1950	—	13,507 96	11,222 87	11 03	444 90	150 57	—	1,840 19
POLL	1949	4 00	—	4 00	—	—	—	—	—
	1950	—	1,636 00	1,398 00	2 34	216 00	—	—	22 00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1949	77 08	—	77 08	1 46	—	—	—	—
	1950	—	6,391 60	4,762 85	2 78	—	—	—	1,628 75
TOTALS		\$8,869 32	\$117,480 41	\$110,289 20	\$234 55	\$3,267 40	\$262 58	\$1,657 37	\$11,135 76

Tax commitments for the year 1950 show a total of \$117,480.41 with corresponding total collections (including tax and interest) of \$110,523.75. The total number of accounts billed during the year was 3,101. Since 1945, the increase in tax commitments amounts to \$50,625.66 with a corresponding increase in collections amounting to \$45,052.30. The total increase in number of accounts during this same period has been 786. The steady increase in volume of business has created the need of a public office with extended office hours. On November 8th of this year, the Tax Collector's office was relocated in Memorial Hall on South Main Street. Since that time, regular office hours have been maintained on Wednesday through Saturday of each week. Public acceptance of the change in location to a public building has been overwhelming. From every angle, results have been most satisfactory. At this time, I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors for their cooperation in making the change possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER, Tax Collector.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1950.

January, February and March of the past year were months when most snow could of been expected, but ice probably presented more serious handicaps than snow. December followed much in the same order.

The tailboard sand spreader purchased last year has added greatly to the matter of sanding icy highways. Since then we have added two new 9 in. Anderson Rolling plows which were greatly needed to replace the older ones which were very old and in grave danger of breaking under great strain. All highways have been plowed during storms and when storms have abated all highways have been in good condition for auto traffic.

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

As reported last year work has continued on Essex Street again this year. This project has been under way for several years and will be continued until the street is finished. This year 1950 feet were graded and finished, 700 feet excavated and finished.

### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

During the summer tar was applied to the surface of East Street the entire length of the street, 2.04 miles. Maple Street from Oak Road to the cemetery, a distance of 7-10 miles was seal coated. All guard rails on Boston Street were given two coats of paint.

### CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE

The following streets were oiled during the summer:

STREET	DISTANCE
Essex	.1
Gregory	.57
Haskwell Park	.31
King	.2
Liberty	.6
Pleasant	.24
River	1.97
Hilldale Road	.30
Riverview Drive	.15

A total of 34,546 gallons of oil were used.

## NORTH LIBERTY STREET BRIDGE

Due to the delapidated condition of the old bridge on North Liberty Street, an entirely new wooden bridge was constructed, thus ensuing safety for many years to come. This project was completed without any help other than the regular highway workers.

Again I wish to thank each of the workers of the department and especially the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department and the Finance Committee for their fine cooperation. By teamwork we have again accomplished much of a lasting nature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. HOCTER, SR.,

Highway Surveyor.

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DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1950.

Complaints received and investigated	117
Reports of dog bites	7
Dogs restrained	9
Poultry killed by dogs	16 and 1 pig
Lost dogs returned to rightful owners	16
Stray dogs disposed of	23
Dogs killed by automobiles	17
Dog licenses collected and turned over to the Town Clerk	\$365 00
Dogs shot by the Police Department	10

To all Dog owners 1951 Dog licenses are due and payable to the Town Clerk April 1, 1951.

Under Chap. 140, Sect. 138. Being the owner keeper of a Dog after April 1st, which was not duly licensed.

Penalty—\$15.00

Being the owner keeper of a Dog which became 3 months old, after March 31, and did not cause it to be licensed.

Penalty—\$15.00

In closing I wish to thank the Selectmen and all dog owners for their cooperation and assistance during the year 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH,

Dog Officer.

## TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

Following is my annual report for the year 1950-1951.

The Tree Department had a rather busy year due to three bad windstorms.

On Sunday, May 7th a three foot Elm tree was blown down on Locust Street. It was laying across the road and was removed immediately.

In September another windstorm early in the evening caused considerable damage.

Again in November the worst storm of the winter kept the department busy most of the night and all of the following day.

Four pine trees were blown down in Recreation Park during the November storm. Two were uprooted and stumps were removed.

These windstorms cost a little over \$500.00. There is still some damage to clear up from the last storm.

Low limbs and large dead branches were removed from trees on River, Lake, Central, Washington and East Streets.

During the year twelve trees were taken down in various sections of the Town.

Twenty-six trees were pruned.

Thirteen new trees were planted.

Several large limbs were removed that were growing too close to buildings.

Again this year Elm trees were checked for Dutch Elm Disease. None was found.

If anyone noticing Elm trees with leaves wilting and turning brown rather suddenly will notify the Moth Superintendent, it will help to check this Disease.

I wish to thank the heads of departments for the cooperation they have given me during the year, especially the Highway, Electric Light and Police Departments for their assistance during the storms of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,

Tree Warden.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens Middleton:

Fire Department report for 1950.

During the past year the Fire Department answered 92 calls. They were as follows:

Buildings	12
Oil burner	6
Electrical	3
Automobile	4
Chimney	2
Grass, woods, rubbish and dump	47
Needless	4
Miscellaneous	8
Lost child	1
Topsfield	1
Danvers	3
North Reading	1
Total	92

There were 42 box alarms and 50 still alarms.

The department did not receive a single false alarm.

The department installed another mile of wire to its fire alarm system, and also installed box 14, located at Central and Washington Streets, and box 15, located opposite the Town Hall, on Maple Street.

The Fire Department is in need of adequate housing facilities for its equipment and apparatus.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Fire Engineers for their cooperation, and also to thank my officers and men for a job well done, during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY,

Chief.



## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Municipal Building Survey Committee authorized by vote of the Town Meeting of March 14, 1950 and appointed by the Moderator held its first meeting April 17, 1950, and organized the committee as follows:

Fire Department	Mr. Elmer Morrill, Chairman
Finance Committee	Mr. William Birch, Secretary
Police Department	Mr. James Wentworth
Highway Department	Mr. John Hocter
Selectmen	Mr. Wilbur Rundlett, Jr.
Planning Board	Mr. Roger Clapp
Qualified Voter	Mr. Alfred Miller

Considerable discussion was held as to the requirements of each department, with many different arrangements as to location, at the present time, or in the future, also the types of buildings and their probable costs.

Freehand sketches were made of desired arrangements with approximate specifications and at a regular meeting held June 26, 1950, the services of Mr. Gordon Robb a registered architect were procured to further consult with, and advise, the committee. At this same meeting due to a change in the office of chief of the Fire Department, Mr. Morrill was replaced by Mr. Harold Purdy, the committee unanimously elected Mr. Purdy, to serve as chairman, who accepted.

Several meetings were held as new ideas were presented and the merits of each were discussed, the committee then decided which of the different arrangements of buildings, locations, etc., combinations that would most adequately house the municipal services, for the present and allowing for future growth of the town. (At the present rate of growth the town will have approximately 5,000 population in the year 2000.)

Mr. Robb was then instructed to prepare study drawings of a combination fire house and police station building to be located on South Main Street, also a highway and tree department building to be located on land now owned by the town in the rear of the old Center School House property.



This work was completed by Mr. Robb and at a regular meeting Sept. 11, 1950 turned over to the town. (Study drawings with cost estimates.) For this work Mr. Robb was paid the sum of \$200.00, from the appropriation given to the Survey Committee for this purpose.

At a special Town Meeting called for the purpose on September 26, 1950 the committee gave its report to the citizens of the town: in brief a combination fire and police department building of red brick and steel construction, located on South Main Street, on property now owned by Mr. Donald Alyard. Approximate cost of building \$100,000.00. The taking of land etc., would be extra. Also a Highway and Forestry Department building of cinder block construction, with stucco finish on the front only, located in the rear of the old Center School building property, approximate cost of \$38,500.00.

After some discussion with the citizens present at this special Town Meeting, the Survey Committee was continued in service, and instructed to make a further study into the problem of adequately housing the municipal services, but with an eye toward a cheaper overall cost.

The committee found that to get a cheaper cost, the specifications as to new type of buildings would have to be altered, the only other alternative the committee has is remodeling existing buildings, or buying other property and then remodeling that, Labor and material costs have definitely risen since the committee report in September 1950.

In January 1951 a local contractor was asked to make a proposal as to the cost of a new Highway Department building. As of the date of this report, he could not quote us a figure, due to the inability to procure steel for the 50 or 60 foot roof span, the curtailment regulations on the use of steel being the reason.

Another source of information gave us a figure of \$35,000.00 for a Highway Department building, using cinder block construction with a curved wood roof with fireproof shingles.

Still another source of information gave us a figure of \$45,000.00 for a combination Fire and Police Department building, using cinder block and stucco on all outside walls with a wood construction roof and fireproof shingles.

In view of the information gathered, it was the opinion of the committee to have inserted into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, an Article calling for an appropriation of (\$750.00) to enable the

committee to have working or budget drawings and specifications prepared with which to invite proposals for construction of municipal town service buildings, after receiving these proposals with their estimated costs, the committee will then be in a better position to advise the citizens of the town as to the best location, the type and cost of the proposed buildings.

The committee will then petition the Selectmen to call a special Town Meeting for the last week in June, 1951. An article will be inserted into the warrant calling for a definite amount of money to cover the cost of the entire project.

Prior to the Special Town Meeting, an open hearing will be held to acquaint the voters with all of the phases of the project. Working drawings and specifications will be available for discussion.

The committee wishes to point out that the Town Planning Board in their First Annual Report of 1948 felt that the housing facilities of all four municipal departments were inadequate, but could be made to serve at least for one more year, without too much expense, that time has now come and gone. The survey committee agrees with the Planning Board that new buildings should be built, now, before material and labor cost rise still higher. Another reason for recommending building now, is the additional use that may be made of town owned equipment and buildings when called upon for civilian defence work.

On the plus side of the ledger, the sum of approximately \$600.00 per year now paid for garaging service of the Highway Department to a private concern, at present hired on a month to month basis, would be used for maintenance of the new building. Also the old fire house property could be sold and the money received, approximately (\$4,000.00) would be used to defray the cost of the new fire house.

In December, Mr. Alfred Miller resigned from the committee because of business reasons, to date a Qualified Voter has not been appointed to fill this vacancy.

This report was adopted at a regular meeting of the committee February 12, 1951.

W. G. BIRCH, Secretary.

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## MOTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

Following is my annual report for the year 1950-1951.

All trees on accepted and private streets were sprayed for Gypsy and Brown-tail Moth and canker worms about the last of May, 1950.

Elm trees were sprayed in July for Elm Leaf Beetle.

Another spray was applied in August to Wild Cherry, Ash and Hickory trees for Fall Web Worm.

The spray for Poison Ivy with 2-4-D Weed Killer was applied again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,

Moth Superintendent.

## POLICE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1950.

### DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief of Police—James W. Wentworth

Regular Specials—Sergeant Lloyd H. Getchell, Arthur G. Doane, Alexander Fraser, Leo J. Kopacki, Joseph Peters, William Pennock.

### OFFENCE FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE:

Assault	1
Assault and battery	3
Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon	1
Abandon animals	1
Allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle	1
Drunkenness	58
Disturbing the peace	6
Larceny of a motor vehicle	2
Leaving scene of an accident after causing property damage	3
Non-support	3
Operating so as to endanger	9
Operating after revocation of license	1
Operating while under the influence of liquor	16
Operating unregistered motor vehicles	1
Operating uninsured motor vehicles	1
Operating without a license	5
Operating without authority	3
Neglect of minor children	2
Run aways	2
Speeding	3
Vagrancy	1
Violation of conditions of probation	2

Total 125

## DISPOSITIONS:

Discharged—Not guilty	1
Committed to Danvers State Hospital	1
Guilty—Fined	48
Guilty—Filed	7
Released	40
Placed on probation	16
Sentenced to House of Correction, Salem	10
Sentenced to Bridgewater	1
Sentenced to Concord Reformatory—suspended	1
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Total	125

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Ambulance and cruiser cases	31
Automobile accidents investigated	37
Dogs killed by automobiles	17
Complaints received and investigated	892
Escaped patients returned to Danvers State Hospital	6
Firearms, permits issued	62
Hours in Court	200
Missing and lost persons returned	14
Messages delivered	83
Motor vehicle transfers	135
Stolen property recovered	\$3,092 60
Summons and warrants served	30
Turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearm permits	\$31 00
Fire calls that the police went to	29
Licenses suspended and revoked through the Registry of Motor Vehicles for speeding, etc.	88
Booked and warned for speeding	103

In closing I wish to extend my appreciation to the officers which have faithfully performed their duties. And also to the public of the Town of Middleton and to the Board of Selectmen, for the co-operation they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

Chief of Police.



## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, PLANNING BOARD

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January 17, 1951

To the Selectmen, Town of Middleton:

Third Annual Report of the Planning Board, for the year of 1950.

The Town Planning Board organized with Albert Murray as chairman and Alton W. Hubbard as secretary.

In regard to advisability of accepting Highland Road, referred to the Planning Board by a vote of the Town at the last Annual Town Meeting, the Board, on May 17, 1950, visited the street known as "Highland Road", and residents thereon, and at a later date notified Mrs. Macauley as follows:

The layout of the road at present provides only thirty-three feet width, and, except for a short distance in from Maple Street, the grade is such that it would present a constant problem in maintenance and upkeep. After studying the matter carefully, the Board is of the opinion that because of the layout and grading of Highland Road, so called, it cannot recommend to the Town that it be accepted as a public highway. However, the residents of this area are to be commended for the work they have done and the interest they have shown by work on the road and in improving their property.

At the meeting of August 16th the Board received a report from the water engineers engaged to make a survey of the present town water system, and, according to the article in the warrant, the Secretary was to advise the voters the recommendations of the Planning Board at the Special Town Meeting of September 26, 1950.

The Board reported on September 26th that because of the complexity of the problem; the effect on the Town's future development; the cost to the Town at the present time; and the controversial nature of the whole subject; the Planning Board desired to give the matter more continued study, and would present a comprehensive plan and recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Planning Board submits the following water report:

The town water situation in the Town of Middleton has been cause for alarm for some time. It is only sheer good luck that we have not been faced with an emergency situation in the breaking of some of the

older main lines around the center of the Town, which would have left whole sections which depend on the present system without water.

The entire present system is hopelessly inadequate both from the standpoint of considering any extensions, or for an adequate supply, or fire protection to its present customers. It is a system which started around 1908 by tapping into the Danvers main in the vicinity of the square, and extending hit-or-miss with no concern for potential demands or adequate-sized pipe. Much of it was done at the expense of the Town, but some small pipe was laid at individual private expense. An estimate made in 1947 by Mr. Roger Esty, then Superintendent of the Danvers Water Department, indicated the Town of Middleton had spent approximately \$22,000, and private individuals probably another \$7,500 over the 40-year period.

During this period no income has been received by the Town of Middleton from the sale of water to consumers. However, it has, or at least people within the area served by the present system have, profited by a water system in lower insurance rates, and free hydrant service. While the Town has been fortunate in having such a water system over the period of years for the expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money and no annual operating expense, the time has now come when the Town must give serious attention to a system that will adequately meet the needs of the Town at present, give fire protection by adequate pressure at all hydrants, and provide for an anticipated growth of the Town over the next 40 or 50 years.

Under Authority and funds voted the Planning Board at the Annual Meeting in 1950, a more extended survey of the present system and the needs of the future with proposals for meeting these anticipated requirements has been completed by the Board, retaining the services of Mr. Linwood C. Wiley, assisted by Mr. Benjamin A. Chatel, both qualified engineers.

After extensive study and consultations with these engineers and others, the Planning Board is of the opinion that the Town should, within the near future, *start* taking the necessary steps to create an adequate water system that will serve the present settled portions of the town *on a self-supporting bases* and allow for extensions as need and growth demands.

The Board feels that it would be to the best interest of the Town to purchase its water from the Town of Danvers through a master meter in or near Central Square, and that the initial system be confined

to the central portions of the Town of approximately the scope of the present system, and to leave the take-off from the Danvers Main at Liberty and East Streets as it is for the present.

The initial project would be as follows:

<i>Streets</i>	<i>Pipe</i>		<i>Mileage</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Lots</i>
	<i>Size</i>	<i>Footage</i>			
Boston to Picarello's	10"	4,224'	.8	35	41
Square to River St.	12"	8,448'	1.6	17	54
Haswell Park	8"	2,112'	.4	36	55
Pleasant St.	8"	1,584'	.3	14	6
No. Main to Three Roads	12"	2,640'	.5	33	5
Essex to Lovelace	10"	528'	.1	4	1
Forest to Silvernail	10"	2,112'	.4	5	8
Lakeview Avenue	Present Pipe Adequate			13	4
Lake St. to Cressey	8"	2,112'	.4	17	7
Mt. Vernon	8"	2,112'	.4	9	5
King St.	8"	2,112'	.4	6	8
Washington	8"	1,056'	.2	10	0
Central St.	8"	2,640'	.5	29	0
Maple St. to Church	18"	2,640'	.5	31	5
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Total 8"		13,728'	2.6	121	81
Total 10"		6,864'	1.3	44	50
Total 12"		11,088'	2.1	50	59
Lake View Avenue		.....	..	13	4
Total 18"		2,640'	.5	31	5
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Totals		34,320'	6.5	259	199

The cost of the first project is, as near as the Board can determine in this period of rapidly changing cost, approximately \$220,000. The method of handling this expenditure would be the creation of a "Middleton Water District" which would be incorporated as a separate political entity. The district would comprise of all the area served by the new system and would be administered by a Board of Water Commissioners elected at the Annual Town Meeting for a period of years.

A Bond Issue would provide for capital to meet the original cost. This Bond issue would be retired from moneys obtained:

- (1) From the sale of water to consumers.
- (2) Hydrant Rental to the Town.
- (3) Water District Tax.



The cost of water to consumers will in some measure depend

- (1) On the cost of water to us as purchased from Danvers.
- (2) On the cost of operating the system, i.e., personnel, equipment, etc.

The Board feels that it should be not less than \$25 for 40,000 gallons of water per service per year (additional gallons at a reduced rate), and that the hydrant rental to the town should be at the rate of \$25 per year per hydrant. The "Water Tax" would be levied against all property (whether improved or not) within the water district, at the prevailing valuation as determined by the Town Assessors, at a rate to be determined annually by the Water Commissioners, sufficient to meet the deficit from the two previous sources of income in meeting the annual operating expenses and bond retirement.

An Annual Operating Budget:

<i>Income:</i>	228 Residential consumers	@ \$25.	\$ 5,600.00
	Hydrant Rental to Town—50	@ \$25.	1,250.00
	Water Tax against real property, estimated by Assessors as \$1,335,000, within water district	@ \$ 8. per thousand	10,680.00
	Total		\$17,530.00

<i>Expenses:</i>	Cost of Water—12 Million Gal. year	@ \$125. per million	\$1,500.00
	Bond Interest for year		4,400.00
	Bond Retirement (1/30 each year)		7,330.00
	Supplies (printing, postage, etc.)		100.00
	Clerk of Board		1,000.00
	Depreciation Reserve		2,500.00
	Miscellaneous		700.00
	Total		\$17,530.00

At the present time, there are 259 residences within the area designated as the proposed water district with about 250 vacant lots suitable for building. In considering this project, the voters should face seriously the fact that, while it is an expensive proposition, the future

growth of the Town will depend in a large measure what it offers to prospective residents. An adequate water system, with low insurance rates, is an inducement. Middleton is well situated to profit by the very definite trend in residential building north of Boston in the next decade.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON W. HUBBARD,

Secretary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ADDITION

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To the Selectmen:

At the Annual Town Meeting held in March, 1950 the Town appropriated \$175,000.00 to build an addition to the Howe-Manning School.

The Building Committee selected Mr. Gordon Robb as Architect for the project. Mr. Robb immediately started to prepare detailed plans and specifications. By June 15, 1950 these plans and specifications had been approved. Advertisements were placed in several newspapers and construction trade papers. Seven general contractors and over fifty sub-bidders submitted bids. These bids were opened on July 8, 1950. The lowest bid of \$175,573.00 for general contractor was submitted by the Steed-Barber Corporation.

On July 18, 1950 a Special Town Meeting was held where the Town increased the original appropriation to \$189,500.00. A contract was signed with the Steed-Barber Corporation on August 1, 1950. Changes to the present building were completed in time for school to open in September.

The Contractor had planned to complete the walls and roof on the addition by November. However, the procurement of structural steel has been very difficult. The building was planned to be completed by April, 1951, but the delays in steel will delay completion until summertime. As of January 1, 1951, approximately 45% of the total work had been completed.

At the completion of the building a more complete report will be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BATCHELDER,

Secretary.

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING SURVEY COMMITTEE

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### THIS IS THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO MAKE A SURVEY OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

The Planning Board of Middleton in their 2nd Annual Report, which was approved at the annual Town meeting in March, 1950, recommended, that a Special Committee be appointed by the Town Moderator consisting of the Chief of the Fire Dept., a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Finance Committee and one other qualified voter, to investigate, and make specific recommendations, as to the best location, type of building, and cost, to adequately house the Fire, Police and Highway Departments and report back to a Special Town Meeting in September, 1950.

"This is indeed, a large assignment for any committee to willingly try to find out how much can the Town get, and how little will it cost?"

The first of several meetings of this committee was held in April where the requirements of each dept., were recorded, many different arrangements were discussed. The advisability of putting all three departments in one building versus each department in a separate building was discussed in great detail. Different locations and the availability of entrances and exits were taken into consideration. The cost and location of private land versus the town owned land for possible building sites were of additional importance. Finally rough sketches of proposed building requirements for each department were made, and the services of Mr. Gordon Robb a recognized architect, who is now supervising the building of our present school addition, were obtained, on June 26, 1950. At this meeting the architect was asked to make a set of study drawings or plans of a fire house building with a Police Department wing attached.

Mr. Robb was also asked to make study drawings or plans of a highway department building large enough to house all the town owned Highway and Tree Department equipment, which is only common sense to keep indoors, allowing additional space for new equipment which the town might buy in the future.

The sum of \$200.00 which was the appropriation for the expense of this committee, was paid to Mr. Robb for this work.

On September 11th, 1950, at a meeting of this committee Mr. Robb brought the completed study drawings of all the work requested, and discussed them with us. Any further work on the part of the architect would be done only if the voters decide to build.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the information of the voters in regards to the present housing of our Fire Department, there is, a one and one half story wooden building on Lake Street, built in (0000) with a hose drying tower added in (1932). This building accommodating 2 pieces of apparatus on the street level, with office space and general assembly room on the second floor, a heating plant in the basement in a cement block enclosure, also in the basement is two more pieces of apparatus which when answering an alarm must back out into the yard, climb a 20 degree grade to get to the street level, then make a 90 degree turn to go to the square before making real headway in going to a fire. An emergency life saving boat on a trailer is parked outside the building at the street level. This building is now in need of some repairs approximately (\$0,000.00) due largely to the weaving of the tall hose drying tower and general age.

This committee feels that to provide adequate housing facilities for our Fire Department, a building could be built on a parcel of land on South Main Street bounded by Old South Main and Mt. Vernon Street now owned by Mr. Alyward. The main part of this building would be 60 ft. deep by 45 ft. wide, this would accommodate all 5 pieces of apparatus plus the hose drying equipment and the rescue boat. Three overhead doors in front and 2 doors in the rear. To this main building would be attached, a wing in which the fire alarm equipment, toilet facilities, office space and a general assembly room where fire department instructions and general meetings would be held. Under part of this wing would be the heating plant for the entire building.

It is planned to build this building of red brick with a hip roof on the apparatus room and a flat roof on the wing section, the entire building would be of substantial quality but without any "fancy fittings." The total cubical content of the apparatus room and wing section would approximate 76,000 cu. ft. We are informed by Mr. Robb that



this type of construction on the market today would cost in the vicinity of \$1.15 to \$1.20 per cu. ft., so this means that our fire department building would cost approximately \$85,000.00.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the present time the Town of Middleton does not provide any quarters for the Police Department, the Chief of police must have the Police Department Office in his own home, he also must provide garaging of the police cruiser while it is in his care. The Town does however, pay for office expense, telephone, uniforms and small incidentals.

To house the Police Department, it is the opinion of this committee that Police quarters could be built on to the side of the proposed Fire House in the form of a wing, directly opposite the wing section of the proposed Fire House to make up a balanced architectural design, office space guard room, toilet facilities, and three cells, as well as garage space for the police cruiser would be provided. This wing section would have approximately 12,500 cu. ft. of space, it would be built of red brick to match the proposed Fire House, this means that the Police quarters would cost approximately \$15,000.00.

It might be of interest to the voters of Middleton at this time to know, that upon the town reaching a population of 3,000, there is a state law which if it were enforced, would require the town to provide its own Police lockup. The latest 1950 census of Middleton indicates a population of between 2,900 and 3,000.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

At the present time the Highway Department Tractors, Trucks, and a limited space for repairing with some space for storage is provided in the basement of what is known as Staler Garage. The Town of Middleton pays the sum of \$600.00 per year for these quarters, which are heated in the winter months. The Town is allowed to store the three "V" plows, a sand spreader, and one or two of the small scraper plows on land in back of the garage.

The Highway Department Office is located on the second floor of the Fire Department building on Lake Street, where telephone and highway business can be conducted. The asphalt and tar equipment, the rest of the town owned scraper plows, and all of the stock pile of sand and salt used on the streets in the winter are kept down in the back yard of the Fire House.

It should be of interest to the voters to know, that no office space is provided for the Moth or Tree Dept., there is however, in the back yard of the Fire House an old small shed built approximately (0000). This shed houses the new Moth Spraying unit, and also a small amount of storage. There is no heat in this building.

To House the Highway Department and the Forestry Dept., it is the opinion of this committee that a cement block building of a very plain design could be built on town owned land in back of the old center school house on South Main Street. This land is level, well drained, and 127 ft. wide and 160 ft. deep, ample room for a building, storage space for plows, sand, asphalt and tar equipment and other material used by our Highway and Forestry Departments.

The proposed building would be approximately 60 ft. square. This will give us space for two tractors, two trucks, the spraying equipment, space for repair work, and some additional space should the Town decide to buy more Highway Machinery in the future. This area would have a 15 ft. ceiling height so as to be able to do repair work on our large plow and tractor, truck bodys, etc., this ceiling height would also provide better light and ventilation. To the side of this building would be attached a low 8 by 9 ft. ceiling height wing, in which would be the office space, toilet facilities, locker, and wash room for the workmen, the heating plant, and some storage space. The main building and wing would have approximately 100,000 cu. ft. of space. Mr. Robb the architect informs us that the cost of construction of this type is approximately  $38\frac{1}{2}$  cents per cu. ft. so this means that the highway and forestry department building would cost \$38,500.00.

<i>Total</i>	
Fire Department	\$ 85,000.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Highway and Forestry	38,500.00
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	\$138,500.00

The above figures do not include architectual fees.

In closing this report the committee wishes to point out that there are a great many alternate methods of providing our town with housing facilities for our Public Services. We have outlined but one way, which we believe would be best for the town in the long run, as building and

labor costs are steadily rising and anything put off until later has always cost the Town more in the end.

However the voters must decide what to do.

This report was adopted at a regular meeting of this committee September 25, 1950.

MR. PURDY, *Chairman*

MR. BIRCH, *Secretary*

MR. WENTWORTH

MR. HOCTOR

MR. RUNDLETT

MR. CLAPP

MR. MILLOR



## Report of the Finance Committee

### For the Town of Middleton

#### Upon the Warrant

For the Annual Meeting to be held March 13, 1951

#### TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON:

To the Voters of the Town of Middleton:

Your Finance and Advisory Committee has held several meetings with the various department heads and also an open meeting with the voters of the Town on February 6, 1951, for the purpose of discussing the Budget for this year.

Your Finance and Advisory Committee is composed of a group of taxpayers like yourselves. Many hours of detailed study have been spent to enable the committee to recommend only those amounts which are actually needed.

This year as last, we are asking for a Reserve Fund of \$2,500.00, transfers from this account may be voted by this committee to cover only extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

The following amounts were transferred from the Reserve Fund in 1950 and are included in the expenditures of the departments which received them:

#### *1950 Appropriation—\$2,500.00*

Sept. 26, 1950	Board of Appeals—Expense	\$ 50.00	
"	Tree Dept.—Expense . . . . .	150.00	
"	Civilian Defense . . . . .	100.00	
Oct. 19, 1950	Memorial Hall—Expense . . .	410.00	
Dec. 11, 1950	Maturing Debt. & Int. . . . .	49.17	
"	Elections and Registrations .	13.47	
"	Memorial Hall—Expense . . .	80.00	
"	Police Car Maintenance . . . .	80.00	
Jan. 9, 1951	Memorial Hall—Expense . . .	124.32	
"	Police Car Maintenance . . . .	9.17	
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		\$1,066.13	
Trans. to Surplus Revenue . . . . .			\$1,433.87

Points of special interest to the Voters are, under General Government, the Selectmen have requested an expenditure of \$600.00 for office alterations at the Memorial Hall building to be occupied by the Selectmen.

The present quarters at Town Hall are not adequate for present day needs, the lack of waiting room facilities for those who wish to confer with the selectmen, and the assistance of the Clerk in the adjoining Welfare office to receive telephone messages during the day are all factors which we feel warrants making this change for the best interest of the Town.

The repair of the Green Street Bridge in conjunction with Danvers, is a must, before actual damage occurs.

The new truck for the use of all Town Depts., was decided by this committee, to be a good investment.

It was the opinion of this committee to turn in the old Police Car and procure a new one that can accommodate a stretcher for emergency work. This, along with the fact that it is cheaper in the long run to change cars every 2 years, this will provide the Police Dept. with good equipment.

The rest of this Report we believe is self-explanatory, we also wish to express our thanks to the various Dept. heads for their cooperation in discussing their Budget requests.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Richardson, *Chairman*

R. T. Sperry

E. L. McIntire

L. A. Batchelder

W. G. Birch, *Clerk*

ARTICLE I. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a Note or Notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such Note or Notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE III. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year.

Committee recommendations are set forth in Schedule A  
page 116.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90, Highway Construction on Essex Street; said Funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by State and County for this purpose.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from available funds to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, Highway Construction, on Essex Street, and that in addition, the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the state and County's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance: said funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State to be restored, upon receipt to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for Chapter 81, Highway Maintenance Work: said funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$4,800.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81, Highway Maintenance Work, and that, in addition, the sum of \$8,800.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State to be restored, upon receipt to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purpose of reducing the Tax Rate.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used jointly with funds appropriated by the Town of Danvers for repairs of the Green Street Bridge.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of this work, only, if the Town of Danvers appropriates a like sum for the same purpose.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be expended for a new 2 Ton Dump Truck for the use of the Highway Dept., to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Highway Surveyor.

Committee recommends approval of the Article, and that the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated from Available Funds to purchase a 2 Ton Dump Truck for the Highway Department, but with the understanding that the truck will be available to other Town Dept's., upon request to the Highway Surveyor. Said truck to be purchased by the Selectmen, the Highway Surveyor and one member of the Finance Committee appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$785.00 which together with the exchange value of the present (1949 Ford Police Car) is to be expended for the purchase of a New Police Cruiser, for the use of the Police Department. To be purchased by the Selectmen as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

Committee recommends approval of the Article, and that the sum of \$785.00 be raised and appropriated, together with the exchange value of the present (1949 Ford Police Car) to purchase a New Police Car. Said car to be purchased by the Selectmen, Police Chief, and one member of the Finance Committee appointed by the Moderator.



ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be expended for the purpose of a stretcher, for the use of the Police Department. To be purchased by the Selectmen as provided in the By-Laws agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

Committee recommends approval of the Article, and that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated from Available Funds to purchase a stretcher for the Police Dept. Said stretcher to be purchased jointly, by the Selectmen and the Police Chief.

ARTICLE XII. On petition of Joseph Gregory and thirty one others to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 to remove a large tree in front of the property of Thomas Rogers of School Street.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the Tree Warden be instructed to remove this tree. The cost of the work to come out of the regular Tree Department expense.

ARTICLE XIII. To see what action the Town will take regarding the erection of an Honor Roll and to appropriate a sum of money, and take whatever other action is necessary.

Committee recommends this Article be referred to the Planning Board for study. They in turn to report back to the people at a Special Town Meeting to be held in June, 1951, with some definite plans and their costs.

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to prepare working plans and specifications with which to ask Bids on construction and equipment, for Municipal Buildings. After bids are received a Special Town Meeting will be called to request a specific appropriation to cover the cost of the entire project. Also to have the Selectmen prepare

a request to be presented to the State Legislature for permission to increase the borrowing capacity of the Town by the sum of \$100,000.00 beyond the legal debt limit now imposed on the Town, or to take any other action relating thereto agreeable to the petition of the Committee to investigate Municipal Building Requirements.

Committee recommends approval of this Article and that the sum of \$750.00 be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the cost of the work. We further recommend that the Selectmen request the State for permission to increase the borrowing capacity of the Town now.

### Schedule A

#### Recommendations Under Article 3

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>		<i>Recom- mended 1951</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT—5.8% OF TOTAL				
1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Moderator.....	\$ 50.00
FINANCE OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:				
2	6.66	24.00	Expense.....	30.00
SELECTMEN:				
3	750.00	750.00	Salaries and Wages.....	750.00
4	238.05	361.71	Expense.....	300.00
5	0.00	0.00	Clerical Assistance Expense	250.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:				
6	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
7	50.93	47.70	Expense.....	100.00
8	0.00	0.00	Office Equipment.....	185.00
TREASURER:				
9	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
10	396.66	331.00	Expense.....	368.50
11	385.78	152.25	Tax Title Expense.....	250.00
TAX COLLECTOR:				
12	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
13	359.85	470.00	Expense.....	520.00
14	0.00	0.00	Office Equipment.....	75.00
ASSESSORS:				
15	1,500.00	1,500.00	Salaries and Wages.....	1,500.00
16	468.21	595.00	Expense.....	595.00
LAW:				
17	333.33	400.00	Salaries and Wages.....	400.00
18	79.57	40.10	Expense.....	100.00
TOWN CLERK				
19	400.00	400.00	Salaries.....	400.00
20	65.94	70.80	Expense.....	103.00
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:				
21	140.00	220.00	Salaries and Wages.....	100.00
22	266.94	563.47	Expense.....	150.00
23	40.00	450.00	Planning Board Expense....	100.00
TOWN HALL:				
24	730.00	730.00	Salaries and Wages.....	730.00
25	764.94	791.99	Expense.....	1,200.00
26	65.57	1,286.54	Special Repairs—Expense..	None



# RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE 117

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>		<i>Recom- mended 1951</i>
			MEMORIAL HALL:	
27	40.00	250.00	Salaries and Wages . . . . .	300.00
28	292.33	1,184.32	Expense . . . . .	1,100.00
29	0.00	80.00	Office Alterations . . . . .	600.00
30		\$12,848.88	Total—Gen. Government	\$12,356.50

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY—7.9% OF TOTAL

			POLICE:	
31	\$2,830.00	\$3,000.00	Salary of Chief . . . . .	\$3,120.00
32	0.00	1,310.00	Wages of Reserve Officers . . . . .	1,463.20
33	1,494.66	1,699.17	Dept., Expense (keeping old Car) . . . . .	2,051.00
34	0.00	0.00	Dept., Expense (Using a New Car) . . . . .	1,566.00
35	0.00	0.00	New Equipment (see Art—10 and 11) . . . . .	985.00
36	35.00	35.00	Salary of Constable . . . . .	35.00
37		\$6,044.17	Total for Dept., (keeping Old Car)	\$6,669.20
38		0.00	Total for Dept., (Buying New Car)	\$7,169.20
			FIRE:	
39	550.00	726.66	Salaries . . . . .	715.00
40	4,121.53	4,098.66	Wages and Expense . . . . .	4,295.00
41	0.00	4,000.00	New Equipment . . . . .	None
42		\$8,825.32	Total for Dept	\$5,010.00
			BUILDING INSPECTOR:	
43	196.66	200.00	Salary . . . . .	300.00
44	33.34	50.00	Expense . . . . .	75.00
45	5.76	57.41	Board of Appeals—Expense..	125.00
			WIRE INSPECTOR:	
46	0.00	0.00	Salary . . . . .	100.00
47	0.00	0.00	Expense . . . . .	50.00
			SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:	
48	125.00	125.00	Salary and Wages . . . . .	125.00
49	62.69	0.00	Expense . . . . .	75.00

# 118 RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>		<i>Recommended 1951</i>
FORESTRY:				
50	1,216.46	1,200.00	Moth—Expense . . . . .	1,200.00
51	864.65	1,149.49	Tree—Expense . . . . .	1,000.00
52	0.00	225.00	Tree Removal—Expense (Special)— see Art. 12 . . .	0.00
53	66.67	299.90	Poison Ivy Control—Expense	300.00
54	0.00	200.00	Dutch Elm Disease Control —Expense . . . . .	200.00
55	0.00	1,977.92	New Equipment . . . . .	0.00
56		\$5,052.31	Total for Dept.	\$2,700.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:				
57	0.00	68.45	Expense . . . . .	1,200.00
58		\$20,422.66	Total Protection Persons & Property	\$16,929.20
HEALTH AND SANITATION—1.3% OF TOTAL				
59	1,469.90	1,485.42	Board of Health—Expense . . .	2,000.00
60	499.75	97.00	Dental Clinic . . . . .	500.00
61	200.00	200.00	Inspector of Cattle—Salary . .	200.00
62	100.00	100.00	Insp. of Slaughtering—Salary . .	100.00
63		\$1,882.42	Total—Health & Sanitation	\$2,800.00
HIGHWAYS—13.9% OF TOTAL				
64	\$2,410.00	\$2,750.00	Salary of Highway Surveyor. (From Available Dept. Funds)	\$3,120.00
65	2,773.09	3,000.00	Road Machinery Account (Transfer from Road Mach. Fund) . . . . .	4,000.00
66	2,262.58	3,810.69	Highway—General Fund . . .	4,000.00
67	4,800.00	4,800.00	Chapter 81, Maintenance (see Art. 7) . . . . .	4,800.00
		13,600.00	Total Spent, Incl. State	
68	2,000.00	2,000.00	Chapter 90 Construction (see Art. 5) . . . . .	2,000.00
		8,276.70	Total Spent, Incl. State & County	
69	2,000.00	2,000.00	Chapter 90, Maintenance (see Art. 6) . . . . .	2,000.00
		3,000.00	Total Spent, Incl. State	

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>		<i>Recom- mended 1951</i>
70	10,291.45	6,039.38	Snow—Expense (Labor & Materials) . . . . .	7,500.00
71	159.68	107.00	Land Taking, Essex Street . .	300.00
72	2,583.34	3,000.00	Street Lights . . . . .	3,500.00
73	80.33	46.11	Xmas Tree—Park—Traffic Lights . . . . .	100.00
74	0.00	1,200.00	Bridge Repair—Expense (see Art. 8) . . . . .	1,500.00
75		\$42,079.88	Total—Highway	\$29,700.00

## CHARITIES—18.2% OF TOTAL

GENERAL RELIEF:				
76	325.00	475.00	Salaries and Wages . . . . .	475.00
77	6,137.97	7,553.13	Expense . . . . .	8,000.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:				
78	23,233.34	25,000.00	Expense . . . . .	25,000.00
		35,125.20	Total Spent, Incl. Fed. Grant	
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:				
79	3,891.70	4,000.00	Expense . . . . .	4,000.00
		6,928.15	Total Spent, Incl. Fed. Grant	
80	549.50	2,389.04	Welfare Dist. Adm. (Town's Share) . . . . .	1,140.00
81		\$52,470.52	Total—Charities	\$38,615.00

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS—1.0% OF TOTAL

82	250.00	250.00	Veterans' Agent—Salary . . .	250.00
83	0.00	0.00	Expense . . . . .	25.00
84	1,640.92	1,072.00	Soldiers' Relief—Expense . . .	2,000.00
85		\$1,322.00	Total—Soldiers' Benefits	\$2,275.00

## SCHOOLS—34.4% OF TOTAL

86	\$26,939.08	\$34,038.69	Salaries and Wages . . . . .	\$39,278.27
87	26,470.28	25,991.80	Expense . . . . .	32,801.27
88	388.25	687.13	Vocational Education—Expense	1,000.00
89		\$60,717.62	Total—Schools	\$73,079.54
90		72,093.58	Total Spent on School Alt.— —to Dec., 1950	

<i>Item</i>	<i>Average Expended No. 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>	<i>Recom- mended 1951</i>
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NOTE: School Aid Estimate per Chapter 70, Section 10 \$15,125.93; Net Cost to Town \$57,953.61—Full Amount \$73,079.54. Must be appropriated in anticipation of reimbursements from the Commonwealth for support of schools.

## LIBRARIES—1.3% OF TOTAL

91	991.79	1,134.67	Salaries and Wages.....	1,200.00
92	1,308.51	1,308.42	Expense.....	900.00
			Plus Dog Tax—Refund...	739.98
93		\$2,443.09	Total—Libraries	\$2,839.98

## RECREATION—.3% OF TOTAL

94	494.64	575.17	Park—Expense.....	750.00
95	0.00	197.50	Park—Special (Tree Clearing)	0.00
96		772.67	Total—Recreation	750.00

## UNCLASSIFIED—5.5% OF TOTAL

97	448.94	642.80	Town Report.....	750.00
98	358.33	388.13	Memorial Day.....	400.00
99	895.87	1,580.16	Retirement Fund Assessment	1,698.58
100	1,013.52	1,066.13	Reserve Fund—Finance Com.	2,500.00
101	1,454.75	1,630.96	Insurance.....	5,750.00
102	0.00	200.00	Municipal Building Survey (see Art. 14).....	750.00
103		\$5,508.18	Total—Unclassified	\$11,848.58

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

104	\$100.00	\$100.00	Wages—Auditor.....	\$100.00
105	250.00	300.00	Salaries—Commissioners (\$100.00 each).....	300.00
106	1,919.17	2,650.00	Wages—Clerk.....	2,760.00
107	11,822.55	13,483.38	Wages—Distrib. & Maint., Const., Maint. Street Lights	14,500.00

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1947-1949</i>	<i>Expended 1950</i>		<i>Recom- mended 1951</i>
108	43,729.37	49,409.13	Energy . . . . .	55,000.00
109	13,642.65	14,102.82	Maintenance & Construction— Expense . . . . .	12,000.00
110	2,524.97	2,874.18	Depreciation Account . . . . .	3,128.82
111	0.00	0.00	Reserve Account (Transfer from Dept., Surplus Account)	1,000.00
112		\$82,919.51	Total—All to be taken from Earnings of the Electric Light Dept. . . . .	\$88,788.82
TOWN SCALES—.03% OF TOTAL				
113	47.40	50.00	Salaries and Wages . . . . .	50.00
114	44.32	0.00	Expense . . . . .	25.00
115		\$82,969.51	Total—Public Service Enter- prises . . . . .	\$88,863.82
CEMETERIES—1.6% OF TOTAL				
116	30.00	30.00	Salary—Supt. of Burials . . .	30.00
117	53.00	60.00	Salaries—Commissioners— \$20.00 each . . . . .	60.00
118	2,349.47	2,298.92	Expense—Maintenance . . . .	2,900.00
119	460.08	494.00	Expense—Opening Graves . .	500.00
120	265.00	35.28	Equipment & Asphalt . . . .	0.00
121		\$2,918.20	Total—Cemeteries	\$3,490.00
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST—8.2% OF TOTAL				
122	2,333.34	2,000.00	School Construction Note . . .	2,000.00
123	0.00	0.00	School Alteration Note—Due Sept., 1951 . . . . .	7,931.75
124	1,333.34	2,000.00	Tractor Purchase Note (Trans- fer from Road Machinery Fund) . . . . .	2,000.00
125	1,333.34	2,000.00	Memorial Hall Alteration Note	2,000.00
126	433.32	409.17	Interest on Same . . . . .	3,575.00
127		\$6,409.17	Total—Maturing Debt & Interest	\$17,506.75
128		\$364,858.38	Total Spent—All Departments Total—Budget Recommenda- tions	\$301,054.37
129			Total—Special Art., Not in Budget	3,000.00
130			Total—All Recommendations	\$304,054.37

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Add:

131	Estimated State Charges, County Taxes, Assessors Estimate of Overlay, and All Other Amounts Required by law to be raised.....	\$14,011.59
132	Grand Total—Recommendations and Estimates	\$318,065.96
	Deductions:	
133	Deductions to Compute Estimated Tax Rate:	
	Estimated Receipts, Income, Corporation, Gasoline Taxes, from State, Motor Vehicle Excise and other Local Receipts from other sources than taxation.....	\$177,020.59
134	Poll Taxes.....	1,632.00
		\$178,652.59
135	Estimated Balance to be raised by a Levy on Local Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, other than Motor Vehicles.....	\$139,413.37
136	Estimated Tax Rate based upon above recommendations, using the Current Valuation of Town (Assessor's Estimate—\$2,453,376.00) .....	56.83

**NOTE:**

The Finance Committee has prepared the above Estimated Tax Rate based on our Recommendations and Estimated Receipts, knowing that these figures are solely furnished as a guide, and that the (Assessors are the sole Department empowered to fix the Official Tax Rate).

**HOWEVER:**

We recommend a transfer of \$12,000.00 from the Town Surplus Fund to reduce the Amount to be raised by taxation.

137	This would result in an approximate Tax Rate of	\$51.00
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REPORT

OF THE

MIDDLETON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1950





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## SCHOOL REPORT

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### School Committee

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MR. EBEN JEWETT, Chairman	Term expires 1952
MRS. ROSAMOND BASTABLE, Secretary	Term expires 1952
MR. HAROLD Y. SMITH	Term expires 1951
DR. RAYMOND SILVERNAIL	Term expires 1951
MR. HAROLD F. PURDY	Term expires 1953

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Supt. of Schools, MR. STEPHEN G. BEAN, Lowell, Mass.  
School Physician, MRS. LOIS ROGERS, M. D., Topsfield, Mass.  
School Nurse, MRS. LOUISE BRENNAN, R. N., Salem, Mass.  
Attendance Officer, MR. WILLIAM PENNOCK, Middleton

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### TEACHING CORPS

MISS C. ALICE MANNING	Principal
MR. RENEE R. MATHIEU	Remedial Reading-Act. Prin.
MR. FRANCIS ALBANESE	Grade VIII.
MR. GARDNER HOLMES	Grade VII.
MRS. MARY DUNN	Grades VI.
MRS. STELLA SALVA	Grade V.
MISS FANNIE HINCKLEY	Grade IV.
MRS. GRACE WARMAN	Grade III. and IV.
MRS. FRANCES CARPENTER	Grade III.
MRS. NELLIE JOHNSTON	Grade II.
MRS. MARJORIE SHAW	Grade II.
MISS ALICE OHANASIAN, Supervisor of Music	
MR. THOMAS C. LANE, Supervisor of Art	
MRS. VIRGINIA THOMPSON, Clerk	

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MR. NATHAN A. HAYWOOD, JR., Janitor

### School Calendar 1951

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January 2            to            February 24

VACATION ONE WEEK

March 5            to            April 27

VACATION ONE WEEK

May 7            to            June 15

VACATION TEN WEEKS

September 4    to    December 21 (noon)

VACATION ONE WEEK

Schools opens January 2, 1952

#### HOLIDAYS

February 22	Good Friday	April 19	May 30
October 12	November 11	November 23 and 24	

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### No School Signal

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Two Blows on Fire Alarm at 7.45 o'clock A. M.

Two Blows on Whistle at the Blacking Factory at 7.45 o'clock A. M.

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### SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1950

Age	Boys	Girls	Total
5—7	45	35	80
7—16	201	165	366
4 to 5			52
3 to 4			65
2 to 3			50
1 to 2			52

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To The School Committee

Middleton, Mass.

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN:

It is difficult for me to approach this, my twenty-seventh and final report as Superintendent of Schools for Middleton. There are so many things which could well be written here, but which would probably serve no good purpose at this stage in my incumbency. I shall therefore avoid any extended report of the progress of the school during the past year. There are more profitable ways of using this expensive space.

There are three major things of note in connection with the school system as in operation at the present time.

### THE PROBABLE RETIREMENT OF MISS MANNING

It is my well considered professional opinion that this is the most serious blow to the schools of this town that has occurred in a quarter of a century. Had there been several changes in superintendents in that period none would have effected the efficiency of the school as has, and will, the loss of C. Alice Manning.

This woman was essentially a great teacher. As such she spent the major portion of her career. To be sure she was always principal during our association, but for the great part of that time she was busy in a classroom nearly every period of the day. In her classes there was no lost motion or wasted time. Her every school activity was directed towards the development of each child to the limit of his capacity. She did not practice mass education. She knew every individual and the strong and weak points of each.

There were many times when Miss Manning might have gained favor with certain individuals had she been willing to act against her own conscientious convictions. She never compromised with facts to attain a temporary popular approval.

Miss Manning began her teaching career in March 1901 in Sterling, Mass. This was immediately following her graduation from a teachers' training course then given in Somerville High School, which

school at that time was the finest in the country. She also taught for brief periods in North Dana and Andover. She came to Middleton first in 1903, almost half a century ago. In all of this time her endeavor was to keep up with the times and practice such teaching methods as had been proven sound. She took numerous professional courses at various times and institutions. Her long experience enabled her to separate the grain of truth from the chaff of high sounding phrases so often found in such professional courses.

During the past two years Miss Manning's health began to fail. It is the writer's opinion that the true source of her ill health came from causes less in the physical realm than in the spirit. I know that this woman is heartbroken not to be able to continue in the work that she truly loved. Should this town let her labors go unrewarded and unnoted, I shall be ashamed that I ever was in any way connected with it.

#### THE NEW BUILDING ADDITION

As stated in previous reports this was the number one educational need of the Town of Middleton. Such weakness as may have appeared in the school in the past few years has been due to the overcrowding of our classrooms. It is vain to expect even the best of teachers to cover the requirements of her grade for every pupil in her class when she has no time to give individual attention to those who need a little personal guidance over the rough spots. This is particularly true for the lowest grades. Here little children, often immature, have to be not only socialized but taught a most difficult process at the same time.

We hoped that the two new rooms which might have been made from the auditorium would ease the situation for the current school year. This was not realized and classes are still overflowing or at least too large for efficiency.

In September it is hoped that the new addition will be available for use. If it is, one main project should be to assure each first grader a fair chance to make the most of his innate ability. It would also be a wise move to raise the entering age from five years and eight months to six years in September. If insistence of parents made this too unpopular it might be well to consider a kindergarten to meet their desire to get the youngsters cared for.

One great advantage of this addition will be the improved opportunity for some instruction in Physical Education. Add to this the possibility of giving some instruction in the Manual Arts and a distinct progressive step is gained.

## REMEDIAL READING

In September 1950 a new member was added to the teaching corps. This was Mr. Rene Mathieu, instructor in remedial reading and supervisor of reading. I regret to state that, through no fault of Mr. Mathieu, this work has not proceeded according to the writer's hopes. Insistent pressure has forced him to proceed to applying remedies before he had time to diagnose the reading difficulties. It was the original plan to spend the major part of the year in testing to find out the individual needs of those who were experiencing difficulty with the reading process. Very little of his time should have been given to children in the lowest grades where mental immaturity might well be the chief cause of slow learning. Much more good could have been done for the slow or inefficient readers in the middle grades. Success here might have been an important factor in preventing further retardation for those who are more sensitive to their disability because of their greater maturity.

This program is not the ultimate answer to the reading problem. The real need is, as mentioned above, for beginners classes of not more than twenty five pupils. In such classes, properly trained teachers would be able to detect individual reading difficulties and also have time to remedy them. It is impossible to overemphasize the necessity for diagnosis before remedy. This is as true in Education as it is in Medicine.

## ENROLLMENT

The overall increase in enrollment this year was not as great as had been feared. We had expected to be obliged to have at least two first grade classes. The new entrants were but 38 in number. While this was too many for one first grade it was not enough for two. There would have been difficulty in seating arrangements had there been the expected influx.

No definite prognostication of the number likely to enter school next fall is possible at this writing. The school census shows thirty-five children between the ages of five and seven not in school as of October 1, 1950. At this same time there were 52 children between five and seven years in residence. If these numbers should group as is possible, we might well have over fifty entrants in September.



## PERSONNEL

Comparison of the names now listed in the teaching corps with the same list for my last report shows five changes and one addition. This means a turnover of 26% in a single year. This is not a desirable experience in spite of the fact that some of the newcomers are very capable people. Reasonable continuity in service of a school faculty is desirable when care is taken in electing.

The new members of the staff are, Mr. Rene Mathieu, Remedial Reading; Mr. Francis Albanese, Grade VIII; Mrs. Stella Salva, Grade V; Mrs. Grace Warman, Grades III & IV; Mrs. Marjorie Shaw, Grade II; and Mr. Thomas Lane, Art Supervisor.

Mr. Charles Clinch resigned from his position as Janitor at the close of the last school year. We all regretted to have Mr. Clinch depart but fully appreciated the soundness of his judgment. Mr. Nathan A. Haywood, Jr. was elected to succeed Mr. Clinch.

## FINALE

It is difficult to realize that this is the last school report that I shall write for any community. It is the ninety-ninth such report that I have written in the thirty-three years of my experience as a superintendent of schools.

I desire to take this opportunity to give heartfelt thanks to every teacher and supervisor who has loyally served with me during my years in this town. To the various members of school committees who have given me support throughout the twenty-six years I express a deep appreciation.

To C. Alice Manning I say a final *hail, and farewell.*

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN G. BEAN,

Feb. 5, 1951

Superintendent of Schools



ENROLLMENT STATISTICS—Table No. 1  
Age—Grade Distribution—Registration October 1, 1950

Age Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	T
I. -	7	28	3										38
II. -		12	40	6									58
III. -			12	33	9			1					55
IV. -				9	32	7	4	1	1				54
V. -					5	18	9	3	3	1	1		40
VI. -						3	23	7	4		3		40
VII. -							7	20	10	3	1		41
VIII								3	15	7	4	2	31
Total	7	40	55	48	46	28	43	35	33	11	9	2	367

**Table No. 2**  
**Teacher—Grade Distribution**  
**October 1, 1950**

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot.
Miss Devane - -	38								38
Mrs. Johnston - -		30							30
Mrs. Shaw - - -		28							28
Mrs. Carpenter - -			37						37
Mrs. Warman - -			18	18					36
Miss Hinckley - -				36					36
Mrs. Salva - - -					40				40
Mrs. Dunn - - -						40			40
Mr. Holmes - - -							41		41
Mr. Albanese - -								31	31
Total - - - - -	38	58	55	54	40	40	41	31	357

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The School Committee hereby submits to the citizens and taxpayers of Middleton its annual report:

The changes that were to be made in the existing building as proposed in the contract for the new school addition were effected so that we were able to take advantage of them during this school year. What was formerly the auditorium now affords us a very pleasant and functional classroom with ample closet, storage, and cloakroom space. The green chalk board that will be used throughout the new addition because it reduces glare and increases visibility has been used in this new room. The room has been furnished with blonde, movable furniture to allow for easier pupil grouping and greater pupil activity. What will eventually be used for the library and as a meeting room has served very well this year for Mr. Mathieu's remedial reading groups. The principal's new office is now on the front of the building and is very bright and pleasant. The committee is looking forward to the completion of the addition so that our pupils will be able to take advantage of the auditorium-gymnasium. The social phase of our school life has of necessity been neglected during the past two years because of the lack of an auditorium. The committee plans that two added classrooms will be used next September. The use of these added classrooms will permit us to cut the size of some of the classes in the lower grades. By so doing, the pupils will be given much more opportunity for individual attention and guidance. The committee is still greatly concerned about the percentage of dropouts in our upper grades. We are anxious to do all in our power to correct this situation. We feel this can be accomplished through a process of smaller classes; more individual attention, study, and guidance; and the continuation of the remedial program that has been instituted this year. Our remedial program has been able to only "scratch the surface" of our reading problems so far. Any remedial program is a long, slow process. The scope of our remedial problems was so great that we have had to concentrate our efforts on but a few grades. For a better understanding of the scope, aims, and progress of the program, we recommend that you read the report of our reading supervisor in the pages that follow.

In the appointment of new teachers, your committee has again after diligent search and careful selection, chosen from a number of applicants, teachers with superior training, experience, and personal

qualifications. The committee considers the selection of its teachers a very important part of its school program.

The administrative phase of our school program has been somewhat hampered and delayed by the extended illnesses of our principal, Miss Manning. It will be with sincere regret that the committee accepts Miss Manning's resignation to become effective at the end of March of this year. We should like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Manning for her many years of faithful and devoted service. The committee is fully aware of the task it faces in selecting a successor to one who gave of her time and service so willingly and faithfully and whose devotion to duty has been so outstanding. We wish to extend to Miss Manning our sincere best wishes.

Mr. Mathieu has been most cooperative in serving for the committee as substitute principal during Miss Manning's illness. We thank Mr. Mathieu for the splendid work he has accomplished with these extra duties added to his already full program. Mrs. Thompson has served us very ably and well as an assistant in the school office.

Since Mr. Bean will retire upon reaching retirement age at the end of May, the committee is faced with filling the positions of both principal and superintendent. It was the hope of the committee that the State Department of Education would allow us to withdraw from the superintendency union and to fill both positions by one highly-qualified individual who would serve as both principal and superintendent. However, this proposal has not met with approval by the State Department of Education. The town of Wilmington has been allowed to withdraw from our superintendency union, however, and the towns of Tewksbury and Middleton are to remain. Our union will then be composed of two towns instead of three. Thus, a new superintendent will be able to devote more time and attention to each town. Our committee hopes to bid for an increased percentage of the superintendent's time. We wish to thank Mr. Bean for his many years of service and extend to him our best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

The three-year contract for transportation of our school children was again awarded to the lowest bidder, Mr. Raymond Funchion, whose service during the period of his last contract was quite satisfactory. The committee was able in the new contract to arrange for extended service to our high school pupils. In order to do this, it was necessary to adjust somewhat the time schedule of our grammar school resulting in dismissal at 2:45 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m.

This year the committee had a light installed at the end of the walk outside the school and are sure that in so doing we have filled a need long felt by committee and townspeople alike.

The committee is cognizant of the serious need for a broad program of dental care in our school. We are hopeful that a committee composed of selected town officials and parents in conjunction with local and state health authorities can be organized to study the situation and work out a program that will fit our local situation more satisfactorily and will fill the drastic need for dental work that exists in our school today.

Another problem that has plagued the administration and the committee for quite some time is the fact that during a major part of the school year the play area is so muddy that it cannot be used by the children.

We feel that the pupils should not have to be kept in at recess during pleasant weather because of this condition. Neither do we feel that it is satisfactory to have the pupils play on Park Street although we have received permission from the Board of Selectmen to

block it off during recess periods and have been following this procedure as a temporary measure. The committee is now investigating the possibility of having the side and back lawn hot-topped to relieve somewhat this awkward situation.

We have been notified that commencing January 1, 1951, the high school tuition rate shall be \$197.86 per pupil—an increase of \$18.01 per pupil.

In order to encourage the professional advancement of our teachers, the committee has voted to grant a \$50 bonus for an approved course of 3 credits. Another \$50 bonus will be granted for a second course of 3 credits. For the third course of 3 credits or a total of 9 credits a permanent increase of \$100 shall be granted.

The sick leave benefits for the teachers have been increased.

The committee felt compelled to refuse the request of our teachers for a flat \$300 salary increase. A salary increase of \$200 had been granted last year. With the prospect of a considerably increased school budget and with several new teachers on our staff, the committee felt it unwise to grant a further increase at this time.



The committee wishes to thank our teachers and all members of the school staff for the cooperation they have shown. We should like to especially express our gratitude to Mr. Joseph Albanese for the many, many hours of after-school time that he has devoted to our youth in Middleton in promoting an interest and love for athletics. We should also like to thank our staff of cafeteria workers for their continued splendid service and cooperation.

To the citizens and taxpayers of Middleton, the school committee wishes to extend its thanks for your interest and cooperation and again solicits any suggestions or constructive criticisms to the end that our school may better serve the youth of Middleton. The regular meeting of the school committee is held at the Howe-Manning School on the second Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eben Jewett, *Chairman*

Rosamond L. Bastable, *Secretary*

Raymond Silvernail

Harold Y. Smith

Harold F. Purdy

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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To the Superintendent of Schools and  
Members of the School Committee,  
MADAM AND GENTLEMEN:—

The present enrollment of the Howe-Manning School is as follows:

Grade I	35
II	60
III	56
IV	50
V	40
VI	41
VII	42
VIII	32

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Total .. 356

There are ten classroom teachers, an Art Supervisor, Music Supervisor, Reading Supervisor, and a Principal on the school staff. The grade assignments are: Miss Catherine Devane, grade 1; Mrs. Nellie Johnston, grade 2A; Mrs. Marjorie Shaw, grade 2B; Mrs. Frances Carpenter, grade 3; Mrs. Grace Warman, combination grades 3 and 4; Miss Fannie Hinkley, grade 4; Mrs. Stella Salva, grade 5; Mrs. Mae Dunn, grade 6; Mr. Gardner Holmes, grade 7; and Mr. Francis Albanese, grade 8. The new members to join the faculty this year were Mrs. Salva, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Warman, Mr. Albanese and Mr. Mathieu. Miss Marie Flathers submitted her resignation in October and was replaced with Mrs. Salva.

The Middleton Teachers Club adopted a project as part of their in-service training program. The unit selected was the revision of the Social Studies curriculum. Three special meetings were held and the teachers discussed the meaning of Social Studies, constructed outlines of units suitable for their grades, examined sample textbooks, and decided to place into operation the "group plan" technique of teaching Social Studies. Mr. Mathieu was appointed chairman with Mrs. Johnston, Miss Hinkley, and Mr. Holmes as reporting secretaries.

The teachers were granted a free day to visit schools in other districts for the purpose of observing the progressive methods of teaching children. Six teachers visited the Noonan School in Winchester and three teachers visited the Logan School in Reading.



The faculty has worked together at teachers' meetings to organize a suitable Testing Program for the school. The final plan presented to the school committee included: Reading Readiness for grade 1, Intelligence Test for grade 2, no testing in grade 3, Achievement Tests for grades 4 and 5, Intelligence Test for grade 6, Achievement Test for grade 7, and no testing in grade 8. This testing plan will provide the teachers with accurate information concerning the pupils and will enable them to better understand and assist them. It was decided to change from the Metropolitan Achievement Tests to the Stanford. The Intelligence Tests selected were the California Mental Maturity Tests.

It has been suggested that when the new addition is ready for occupancy that the present Reading Room be converted into a School Library. The school committee has arranged a budget for the purpose of purchasing books and materials. One hundred dollars has been spent to start this project. It has been a delight to the pupils and all the books are in constant circulation. It is recommended that suitable library furniture be purchased and that permanent reference materials be added.

The school children under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Thompson organized a Christmas program for the December P. T. A. Meeting. Due to the short time for preparation it was decided to utilize a small number of children. The program consisted of a Christmas Pageant titled, "Why the Chimes Rang." Choral singing was provided by the upper grades and supervised by Mrs. Dunn.

Many textbooks have been added to the school book supply. Replacements and additions were made in the fields of spelling and arithmetic making these two areas complete in series. Social Studies textbooks were purchased in a variety of small quantities for the group work program.

The Teachers Club made the following requests of the school committee: (1) a raise of \$300.00 which was refused at this time; (2) a fifty dollar bonus for each three credit course completed and approved by the Superintendent of Schools, and upon the completion of nine credits a permanent one hundred dollar raise. This was granted and placed into operation effective January 1, 1951; (3) sick leave for teachers be increased from five to ten days and accumulative to 45 days. This was also approved and made effective immediately.

Projects for future consideration include the revision of the Report Cards, the installation of a cumulative record, a workshop in reading, and revision of the Language Curriculum.

The cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, teachers, supervisors, Mrs. Hayward, and the cafeteria workers has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

RENE R. MATHIEU,

February 1, 1951

Substitute Principal.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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The school nursing service rendered the following during the course of the year:

For the first part of the year we had numerous pediculosis offenders but the last part has been remarkable. There have been only two cases and these were taken care of in a relatively short time.

Twice during the year all grades have been weighed and measured and notices sent home. The average weight correlating to the height is recorded so that parents can see at a glance whether the child is under- or over-weight.

There was little done in the Dental Clinic this year, due to the total destruction of Dr. Connolly's office due to fire, and because he found that he lost considerable time by coming to the school. We hope to accomplish a great deal with a revised dental program during the coming year.

Immunization and booster shots against Diphtheria were given by Dr. Rogers. There are still some children in the school system who have never been immunized.

Physical exams were done by Dr. Rogers who also examined the teeth. Children found to have defects received notices to bring to their parents. Anyone who could not afford to have their family Doctor remedy the defect were referred to the Hospital Clinics.

Both the Massachusetts Vision and Hearing Tests were done. These are the most accurate tests that can be done on children. Both defective vision and hearing can greatly hamper a child's efficiency and progress in school. Notices, to parents, on children who failed these tests will be forth-coming.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. BRENNAN, R.N.,

School Nurse.

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## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

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The overall objectives of the Art Program are to promote within the individual student, confidence in his own creative ability along with an appreciation of the creative efforts of others. To develop the imagination as well as the powers of observation, and to introduce the technical knowledge required to achieve these aims. Whenever possible the art program is closely related to regular curriculum, and at all times it is presented as an integrated part of every day living rather than a mysterious entity in itself. The emphasis is placed on making the individual conscious of and believe in his own creative ability, thus enabling him to contribute more to the community in which he lives as well as his own life.

In the lower grades a larger part of the time is spent on the type of work that encourages expression of the imagination with as much freedom as possible. Illustration of stories, experiences, etc. are examples of this type. The plan here is of guidance rather than direction though during the holiday season there were some projects in colored paper that required a good deal of direction. Even here the avenues of imagination were left open to any innovations that any student suggested. It is most important at this age level that the pupil's efforts rather than results be encouraged for in these early years their confidence in their own ability is at its highest, and great care has to be taken not to destroy that confidence. Individual attention is given at all times, and whenever there arises questions that involve technique, or technical knowledge, they are answered immediately. Thus those who desire more advanced work are allowed to go forward.

To date the media at this level has been limited to crayon and cut colored paper, but it is hoped that these will be supplemented by paint before the year is out.

In the upper grades, four through eight, the purely imaginative and expressive work has been supplemented with more technical training by the introduction of figure sketch, lettering, perspective, design, and a more advanced form of cut colored paper, approaching paper sculpture. The media has been increased by water color and ink. There has been a review of the fundamentals of color and of course the study of design which is present in any art program.

The first three months were taken up with the holiday season and exploratory projects to determine the needs of the students. Then a period of technical training which will give them a background for more ambitious projects, such as murals, puppets, and co-ordinated activities with the curriculum. To date the largest projects have been cut paper murals, and the large stained glass window for the Christmas pageant. This was executed in tracing paper and water color by a group of eighth-grade students and met with great success.

In addition to the regular Art Program the Art Supervisor is available to all teachers as an adviser in any problems that may arise within the field of art.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Mathieu and the teaching staff for their cooperation during these first few months, and hope the following will be as fruitful.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. LANE

January 31, 1951

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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Middleton, Massachussetts

February 5, 1951

To the Superintendent of Schools and  
Members of the School Board.

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN:—

This year finds us without an essembly hall and so without a seventh and eighth grade choral group. In spite of this arrangement which lacks the stimulis of large group singing, the two classes are doing well; they are now looking forward to graduation exercises.

The upper classes made their contribution to the Parent-Teachers' Association Meeting in December with the rendition of Christmas Carols.

The lower grades are showing real musical aptitude. They have built up a musical repretory and enjoy singing. We have no mon-atones in grade one.

We have been adding to our collection of phonograph records, for our music appreciation study, and look forward to having a new electric phonograph in our new auditorium.

Sincerely yours,

ALICE OHANASIAN,

Supervisor of Music.



## THE READING PROGRAM

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The initiation of a Reading Program for the Howe-Manning School had a two fold purpose. A reading specialist was procured to (1) teach remedial reading to selected groups, and (2) supervise and assist the teachers with the techniques of teaching reading in the regular classroom.

The theory of the Reading Program is based on success and enjoyment. Pupils having difficulty with the reading process must first possess the desire to read, find reading a successful task, and receive enjoyment as a result. In order to achieve these objectives a great variety of drill and repetition are necessary. Games and devices were constructed to make "learning to read" a pleasurable and vital experience.

An attempt is made to make the entire remedial program highly motivated by means of knowledge of progress, adaptation of reading to each individual's achievement, and use of games and devices for drill practice.

A strong emphasis is placed on comprehension. It is important that the remediation begin at the point where the child can completely understand what he has read. This stage of development is thoroughly mastered before the next level is approached. It is necessary to understand that a remedial program is a long, slow process.

The program was put into operation with a testing schedule for the first month. The Marion Monroe Reading Aptitude Test was administered to thirty-eight pupils in the first grade. Individual testing followed using the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test, Form L, for the purpose of measuring mental capacity. The Durrell Analysis of Reading Difficulties was used to obtain the pupils' reading level and to discover the errors and confusions. The pupils tested were recommended by the classroom teachers.

Upon completion of the testing program small remedial groups were organized. Due to the amount of remediation needed it was decided to confine the remedial groups to the primary grades. This would provide the opportunity to discover the reading difficulties of the child early in his school life and enable the concentration of efforts upon prevention rather than correction. The children were grouped according



to the teachers' recommendations and the test results. The groups were limited to six pupils in order that as much individual attention may be provided as possible. Each group is allotted a period of thirty minutes each day—Monday through Thursday. This time allotment consists of classes from 9:00 until 1:15. The final plan consisted of two groups of six pupils each from grades one, two groups from grade two, and two groups from grade three.

The remainder of the day and Fridays were left open for the supervisor to work with and to assist the classroom teachers in the capacity of a reading consultant. Part of this time is spent in the supervision of reading in the upper grades and testing special cases. Some time is devoted in planning lessons for the following week. Much time is given to the construction of reading games to make the learning process interesting.

Some time was devoted in the preparation and condensation of published reading material written by outstanding specialists in the field of reading. The teachers of grades two and three were provided with the printed information on a *Check List of Reading Difficulties* which will enable them to discover and record the errors and confusions possessed by the pupils.

Teachers of Grades four through eight were provided with printed material concerning *Reading Skills which Should be Developed in Middle and Upper Grades*, *Reading Exercises for Middle and Upper Grades*, and *General Procedure for the Junior High School Teacher in Analyzing Reading Cases*.

A research was made in connection with the ordering of books for use in the remedial program and for the school library. An attempt was made to select books of high interest and low vocabulary so that the child with reading difficulties could find pleasure in reading on his achievement level in his leisure time.

Demonstration lessons in reading were performed in Grade Three.

The Reading Supervisor attended the Second New England Reading Conference in Boston.

The remedial classes are held in the Reading Room and all lessons are open to parents and teachers.

I wish to express my thanks to the School Committee and to the teachers for their understanding and cooperation in this new program.

Respectfully submitted,

RENE R. MATHIEU,

February 1, 1951

Reading Supervisor.

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#### DUTIES OF THE READING SUPERVISOR

1. Teach remedial reading to selected groups.
2. Supervise reading in all the grades.
3. Teach demonstration lessons.
4. Provide material and equipment pertaining to reading.
5. Conferences with teachers concerning reading problems.
6. Assist teachers in formation of small reading groups.
7. Help teachers with the techniques of teaching reading in the classroom.
8. Testing individual cases.
9. Provide information on recent publications in the field of reading.
10. Provide a library of professional books in reading.
11. Arrange a workshop in reading.

Boston University "Teaching the Slow Learning Child in the Regular Classroom". September to January. 3 credits.







